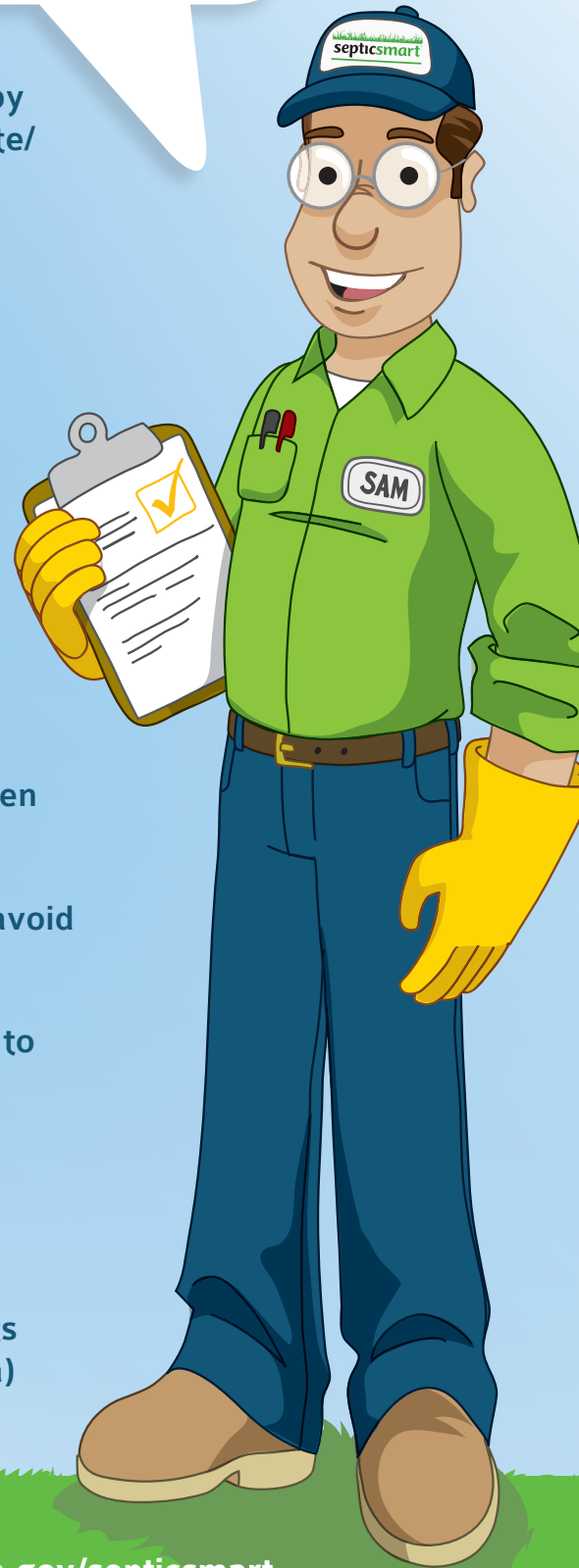


# Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/ local health department's recommendations
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)

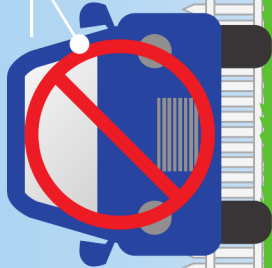


# Do Your Part. Be SepticSmart!



## Shield Your Field

Divert rain and surface water away and avoid parking vehicles and planting trees on your drainfield.



## Don't Overload the Commode

Don't flush diapers, wipes or other items meant for a trashcan down the toilet.



Toilet paper only

## Think at the Sink

Limit use of your garbage disposal and avoid pouring fats, grease, solids and harsh chemicals down the drain.

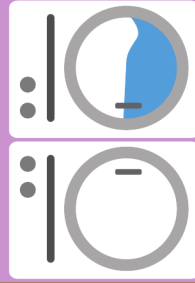


Drainfield

Septic Tank

## Don't Strain Your Drain

Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances, such as your washing machine or dishwasher.



## Protect It and Inspect It

A typical septic system should be serviced every one to three years by a septic service professional.

## Pump Your Tank

Ensure your septic tank is pumped at regular intervals as recommended by a professional.

## Keep It Clean

If you are on a well, test your drinking water regularly to ensure it remains clean and free of contamination.

Well

Groundwater Recharge

Aquifer



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