



SEPTIC TANKS

Operation & Maintenance

The best way to keep a system functioning properly is to have it cleaned and pumped at the recommended interval for the specific system.

1. The permit requires the tank to be pumped every eight years, at a minimum. Some tanks may benefit from more frequent pumping, based on the size of the tank and the number of people.
2. Clean the effluent filter (if present) every six months or annually at a minimum.
3. Avoid dumping/flushing fats, oils, greases, non-biodegradable products, bacterial additives, excessive cleaning supplies, etc. down toilets and drains.

ESTIMATED SEPTIC TANK PUMPING FREQUENCY IN YEARS										
Tank Size (Gal)	Number of People in the Home									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
500	5.8	2.6	1.5	1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	-
750	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
1000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2	1.5	1.2	1	0.8	0.7
1250	15.6	7.5	4.8	3.4	2.6	2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1
1500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
2000	25.4	12.4	8	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	2
2500	31.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4	4	3	2.6