



# Septic Tank Survey

An operational septic system is a very important part of your real estate investment, and prevents water pollution. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions about your septic system. A free septic system workshop will be held April 12, 2016 at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center located at 218 Day Road, Pomfret Center, CT beginning at 7 PM. Return this survey to the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District for a free gift Call Jean Pillo at 860-928-4948 for more information.

1. What town do you live in?  
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2. Does your house have a septic system?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unknown
3. Approximately when was your septic system installed?
  - a. After 1980
  - b. Between 1940 – 1980
  - c. Before 1940
  - d. If known, exact year \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Unknown
4. Do you know where your septic tank and leach field are located?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
5. How do you get your septic tank pumped?
  - a. Once a year
  - b. Once every 3 – 5 years
  - c. Every 10 years
  - d. When it smells bad
6. When was the last time your septic system was inspected?
  - a. When we bought the house
  - b. Within the last 2 years
  - c. Within the last 10 years
  - d. I was unaware this service is recommended.
7. What type of on-site wastewater disposal (aka septic) system do you have?  
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6. Extra organic waste can cause the solids in the bottom of your septic tank to build up quicker. Do you have/use a garbage disposal?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
7. The distance between your septic system and your drinking water well is:
  - a. Less than 50 feet
  - b. Greater than 75 feet
  - c. Unknown
  - d. Connected to a public water supply (no onsite well)
8. Do you use a commercial septic tank additive?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
9. Water conservation can extend the life of your system. Leach fields don't have unlimited capacity. Circle all that apply. Do you:
  - a. Direct downspouts away from your leach field?
  - b. Avoid back to back loads of laundry to give the drain field time to drain?
  - c. Replace high water volume fixtures with EPA WaterSense approved faucets, toilets and appliances?
10. Which statement best describes the landscaping over your leaching field?
  - a. Mostly trees and shrubs
  - b. Swimming pool and deck
  - c. Mowed grassy lawn
  - d. Guest parking area
  - e. Other
11. Do you have a water treatment system? If so, where does it discharge?  
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**If your grass grows greener over your septic tank, then you may have a problem.**

