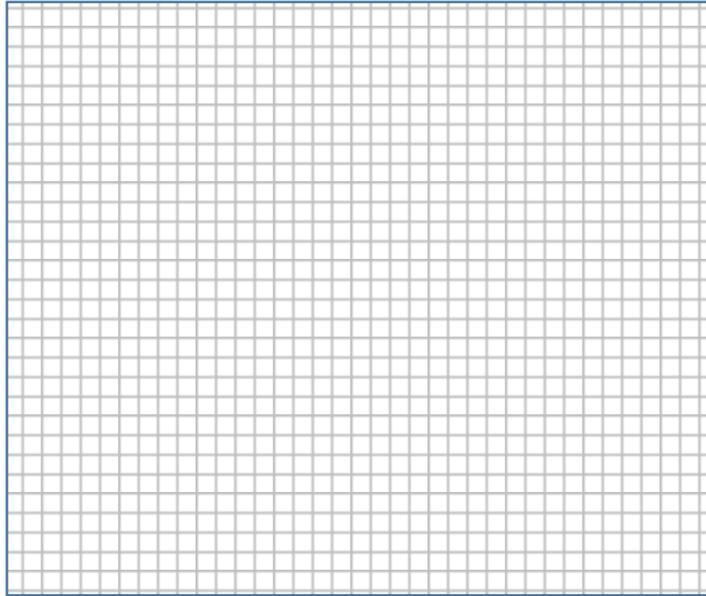


Septic System Locator Diagram



If you don't have a drawing of your septic system to place in this file, you should sketch a diagram in the space above showing the relative location of your septic system to your house. If you have questions about the location of your septic system, contact your local health department.

Your Septic System Installer

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Date of Installation: _____

SAFETY HAZARD

Is your tank properly covered?
 In Connecticut, beginning on January 1, 2015, a secondary safety lid or device is required for all septic tanks. This device can help prevent a person from falling into a septic tank when the riser cover accidentally fails or gets dislodged.

Where can I get more information on the location of my septic system?

1. Your municipal building office may have drawings of your house lot showing the location of your septic system.
2. Your local health department may have records of previous replacement or repair permits issued at your address.
3. Your local septic tank pumping company may have information on systems they have serviced.

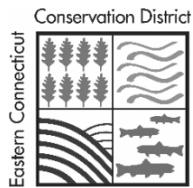
Your Local Health Department:

Advice about commercial septic tank additives:

The use of additives to help maintain a septic system is not recommended by the CT Department of Public Health. Additives do not extend the amount of time required between septic tank pumping.

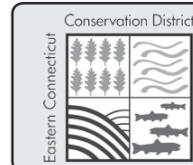
Additional Resources can be found at:
 EPA SepticSmart
<http://www.epa.gov/septicSMART>
 CT DPH
www.ct.gov/dph/subsurfacewage

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Living Responsibly with a Septic Tank Homeowner Record-Keeping Folder

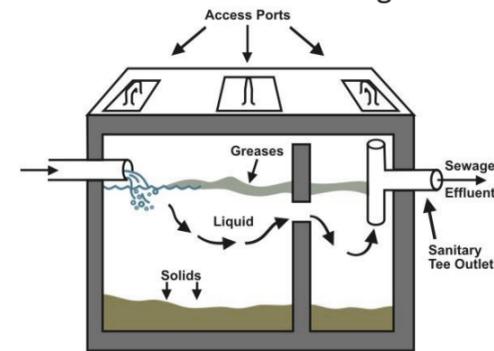
If your home is not serviced by a municipal sanitary sewer, it probably has a septic system for disposal of waste water.

What is a Septic System?

A septic system is a means to recycle household wastewater back into the natural environment. Modern systems include a tank, a junction box and a leaching field. In some cases, a pump is also needed.

How A Septic Tank Works

1. Wastewater from your toilet, sink, shower, dishwasher or washing machine drains through your household sewer pipe to the septic tank.
2. Solids lighter than water float to the top of the tank and form a scum layer (fats, oils, hair, soap).
3. Solids heavier than water sink to the bottom of the tank where natural bacteria in the tank breaks them down to form a sludge layer.
4. The liquid waste in between those layers leave the tank to the leaching field, where most contaminants are removed by natural processes if conditions are right.



Source: CDC Healthy Housing Reference Manual

Some items should never be flushed down a toilet or washed down the drain because they may clog the system or kill the microbes that break down organic waste:

Things that clog your system:

- Fats or oils
- Baby / adult wet wipes
- Cat litter
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers
- Plastic (including tampon applicators)
- Condoms
- Coffee grounds
- Tissue and/or paper towels
- Cigarette butts
- Anything non-biodegradable

Microbe killers:

- Medication
- Solvents
- Paint
- Poisons

Many commercial products are advertised as "flushable" but that does not mean they are septic safe. Please only flush septic safe toilet paper. Other hygiene products should be disposed of in the trash.



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