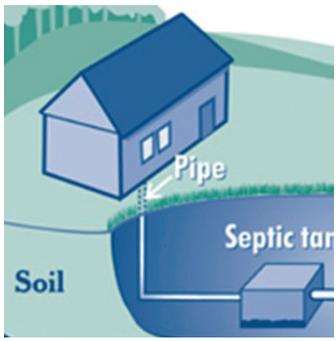


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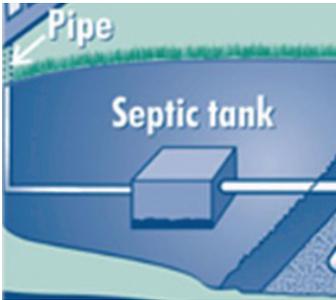
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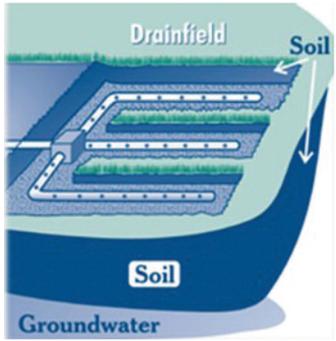
SEPTIC STRUCTURE



Pipe



Septic Tank



Drainfield
with distribution
box and laterals

The Warren County Health Department has partnered with septic pumpers and inspectors to meet your septic tank needs. You may contact one of these contractors or another qualified service technician to keep your septic system safe and working properly.

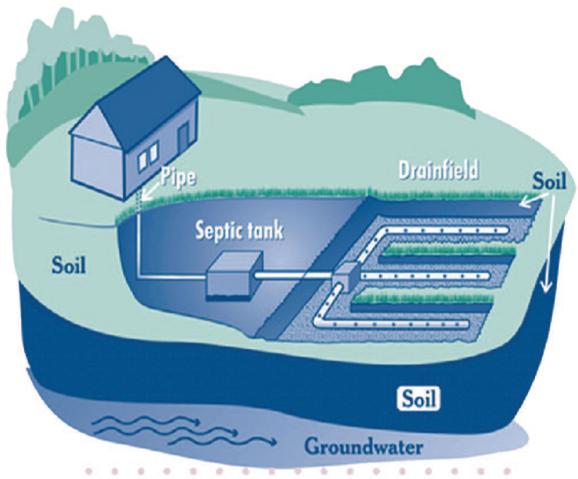
Septic Pump Partners

- Accurate Waste Systems (800) 287-5056
- Castle Septic Service Corp (908) 995-1000
- David Schaefer Septic Service (973) 219-3514
- Delaware Valley Septic (908) 537-6308
- Peach Brothers (908) 850-9222
- The Pumper LLC (908) 689-8808
- Warren Septic Service, LLC (908) 689-4114
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Maintaining Your Septic System

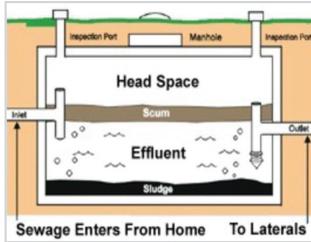
Septic System Structure

Pipe

Wastewater exits through a pipe (a building sewer) and enters the septic tank.

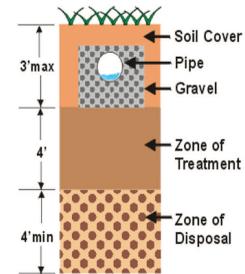
Septic Tank

A septic tank is made of concrete, fiberglass, or plastic, and has baffles (tees) located at the inlet and outlet.



It separates solids from liquids and promotes the breakdown of contaminants by naturally occurring microorganisms. The baffles allow water to flow properly.

Drainfield



Cross-section of a Drainfield

A drainfield consists of a distribution box, laterals, and soil.

Wastewater is pushed out of the septic tank into the drainfield. It is evenly spread out by the distribution box and laterals and percolates through the soil. Microbes in the soil digest nutrients, bacteria, and viruses. Eventually, treated wastewater enters groundwater.

HOW Do You Maintain a Septic System?

- Inspect and pump your septic system every 3 to 5 years.
- Do not put harmful substances down the drain:
 - Chemicals
 - Paint
 - Gasoline oil
 - Pesticides
 - Antifreeze
 - Dental Floss
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - Condoms
 - Diapers
 - Cigarette butts



- Use effluent filters—
The outlet baffle helps keep scum and sludge from clogging drainfield!
- Use water efficiently—
 - * Do loads of laundry throughout the week, not all loads on the same day.
 - * Upgrade old appliance(s) to newer energy and water efficient appliances.
 - * Make sure your toilets work properly and do not run longer than needed.
 - * Fix leaks as soon as they happen.
- Care for your drainfield—
only plant grass over your drainfield. Do not park or drive your vehicles over it.

WHY Should You Maintain a Septic System?

- Saves Money
Clogging, flooding, leaks—they all cost money to repair. Replacing entire septic systems is even more costly!
- Protects Health
Septic systems prevent groundwater contamination, and keep you and your environment healthy.



Protect Your Drinking Water by Maintaining Your Septic System

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Visit our website for more information at:
www.co.warren.nj.us/Healthdept/.

Other websites of interest regarding septic systems are:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/owm_home.htm

<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/>

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Septic Management Plan

It is important to maintain your septic system through regular inspections and pump-outs to save money, protect your health, and protect the environment.

The Warren County Health Department will send you a reminder when the next recommended maintenance for your system is due. Please fill out the information below and return it to us so that you can be entered into our reminder database.

Block# _____ Lot# _____ Email: _____
 Name _____
 Mailing Address _____

Date of your last inspection and pump-out: _____

You may also call or email the Warren County Health Department with this information at (908) 475-7960 or email wchd@co.warren.nj.us.

