

Protect Our Rivers and Bay by Pumping Your Tank Today!

Routine inspections and pumping your septic tank are crucial for catching issues with your system before they lead to pollution. A typical septic system should be inspected and pumped every three to five years. The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act requires all onsite sewage systems be inspected/pumped out at least once every five years.

One of the biggest environmental concerns with septic systems is potential contamination of groundwater (often a source of drinking water) and surface waters such as rivers, lakes, coastal areas, and the Chesapeake Bay. If a septic system is not treating wastewater adequately before it reaches these waters, it can introduce harmful pollutants to our environment.



Bacteria, viruses, and pathogens like E. coli and Hepatitis can spread through groundwater and surface waters. This makes drinking water and recreational activities like boating and swimming unsafe.



Household chemicals and excess nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen can disrupt aquatic ecosystems leading to harmful algal blooms and die-offs making the areas unsuitable for fishing, oyster or crab harvesting, swimming, and other recreational uses.

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By taking a proactive approach to septic system maintenance, you can do your part to protect our rivers and the bay!