

# GOOD HABITS KEEP YOUR SYSTEM STRONG, ROUTINE MAINTENANCE HELPS IT LAST LIFELONG!

Routine inspections and preventative maintenance on your septic system are crucial for catching issues before they lead to a system failure. A typical septic system should be inspected and pumped every three to five years. \*Onsite Sewage Systems in The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act areas are legally required to be inspected/pumped out at least once every five years.

## Neglected septic systems can malfunction and lead to system failures such as:



- Fats, oils and grease can congeal and clog system components and soil
- Sludge and scum can build up and overflow from the tank into the drainfield
- Physical damage from vehicles, livestock, or construction can compact and damage soil and system components



Clogged or damaged septic system components will cause untreated sewage to backup in household drains or flow up to the ground surface, creating a health hazard and foul odors. If you notice wastewater backing up into sinks and toilets or standing water, lush vegetation, or odors near your drainfield, contact a licensed septic contractor right away.

