

SEPTIC SYSTEM SAFETY GUIDE

8 TIPS THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE



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Stay Safe & Healthy

SEPTIC TANKS CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Owning a septic system can be very cost-effective and safe if you are aware of the hazards (like flammable, dangerous gases; harmful bacteria; electrical wiring) and observe a few safety precautions.

Follow these simple tips to keep you and your loved ones safe around your septic system.



Tip 1: Prevent A Shocking Experience

Watch for loose or exposed wires going into the lift station and lift station alarm.

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- Always have utility and power lines located before digging. Buried electrical lines can look like tree roots.

Tip 2: Avoid An Explosive Situation

- Sewer gases are flammable and can cause an explosion. It's best to avoid smoking or open flames around the septic tank.



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Tip 3: Use The Buddy System

- Because of the risks of falling, being overwhelmed by harmful fumes, and electrical shock, it's always best to have someone observe when you are working in or around a septic system

Tip 4: Beware of Stinky Situations

Septic tanks contain methane gas which is harmful to breathe. Even slight exposure can overwhelm you. As a result, you should never place your head over or inside an open septic tank.

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- If you notice an odor coming from your septic system, that is an indication something is not working as it should. It's time to call a professional to inspect it!



Tip 5: Cover Up

- Protect people, pets, and wildlife by ensuring the tank and all access ports are securely covered. Use sturdy tank lids and access covers to prevent unwanted access.

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Tip 6: Establish A "No Drive" Zone

- Avoid driving over your septic tank and drainfield because it can crush, break, or collapse your system - leading to expensive repairs.

Tip 7: Be Alert For Signs of Problem

- Rusty lids or fittings
- Flimsy tank covers
- Homemade cesspools and drywells that might collapse
- Evidence of sinking soil
- Water pooling around your tank or over your discharge lines and drain field
- Foul odors
- Sewage backups into buildings or in your yard



Tip 8: Safety First

- Never enter a septic tank unless you are a trained professional.
- If you observe someone fall into a septic tank or be overcome by gases, call emergency services and place fans to blow fresh air into the tank until help arrives.

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