

NOTICE

REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS IS NOW REQUIRED!!

Fairfax County Code requires septic tank pump out every 5 years.

Chapter 68 of the Fairfax County Code requires that all owners have their septic tanks pumped out a minimum of once every 5 years and provide the Fairfax County Health Department with written notification within 10 days of pump out. You must send a copy of the receipt or manifest supplied to you by the pump out contractor to the Fairfax County Health Department.

How does pumping your septic tank every 3 to 5 years benefit you?

Pumping the septic tank regularly greatly reduces the need for costly repairs and may enhance the life of your sewage disposal system.

Accumulation of solids and grease in the drainfield is a primary cause of premature failure of the sewage disposal system. Pumping the septic tank every 3 to 5 years minimizes the amounts of sludge and grease that reach your drainfield.

Pumping the septic tank aids in the protection of groundwater and surface water resources from contamination due to failing sewage disposal systems.

If it becomes necessary to make repairs to your system, a permit from the Fairfax County Health Department is required.

For further information or questions call
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