

Be Septic Savvy

Do you own shoreline property on the Bay of Quinte or on one of its tributaries?
(up to 10 kms up the trib)

Get a **FREE** septic tank pump out, this is a **savings of \$200.00 - 250.00.**

If you need repairs to baffles and/or risers you could be eligible for an 80% cost-sharing incentive.

This is a free educational program. At your complementary site visit, you will be provided with tips on maintaining your septic system and best management practices for your shoreline.

Book your Septic Stewardship site visit, Today!

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Appointments can be booked during regular business hours between May and October



INFORMATION SOURCES ON SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/environment/facts/sep_smart.htm

Conservation Ontario

<http://conservation-ontario.on.ca>

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Asset8306.aspx?method=1>

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Save yourself expensive repairs and protect the environment



Bay of Quinte

Remedial Action Plan

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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Most rural homes and cottages use a septic system.

When working properly, septic systems can provide a safe and reliable way to treat your household wastewater. If you do not properly care for your septic system it could add excess phosphorus to nearby waterbodies causing algal blooms, and excess plant growth, and bacteria can cause localized health impacts for homeowners and their neighbours.

You own your septic system and are responsible for its safe operation, maintenance, and repair.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance can add years to the life of your system, saving you costly repairs and protecting the local environment.

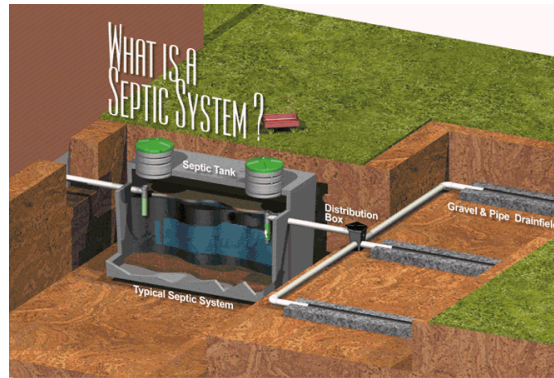
Our septic team will provide you with information on how to extend the longevity of your septic system.



Do you know where your septic tank and leaching bed are located?

SIGNS YOU MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM

- Very green or spongy grass over the septic tank/leaching bed
- Slowly draining or backed up toilets & drains
- Sewage odours become noticeable especially after a rainfall
- Liquid pooling on your leaching bed
- High levels of bacteria, nitrates, or other contaminants in the well water



Book your Be Septic Savvy site visit, Now!



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Know the location of your tank and bed, and protect it from damage. Don't drive over it or construct anything (e.g. pools, driveways, and sheds) on or near any part of it
- Have the tank pumped out every three to five years
- Don't put food, compost, or grease down your drains
- Conserve water and try to spread water use over the course of the week, especially laundry
- Avoid excessive use of anti-bacterial soaps, bleaches, and harsh cleaning products
- Don't put paints, solvents, pesticides, and other toxic chemicals in your system; use recycling and hazardous waste collection programs for these substances
- Keep trees and shrubs away from the leaching bed

KNOW YOUR SEPTIC SETBACKS

