

SEPTIC MAINTENANCE

FOR ROLLINSFORD RESIDENTS

When was the last time you performed septic maintenance? Unsure? Ask yourself these questions!

- 1 Do you pay a water or sewer utility bill? If yes, then you likely **DO NOT** have a septic system.
 - 2 Do your neighbors have septic systems? If yes, then you most likely have a septic system.
- NOTE:** You can also submit a Subsurface Systems File and Archive Record Request to NHDES through their online portal, or submit the form by fax: (603) 271-6683, or email: lrmp.archives@des.nh.gov

Septic Failure Leads to...

- Exposure to harmful bacteria in the event that wastewater backs up into your home or overruns your yard.
- Wastewater flowing into nearby water bodies-preventing you from enjoying these spaces for recreation and potentially harming the area's wildlife.

How can you prevent septic failure?

- ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER AND WASTE - Human waste and toilet paper are the only things that should be flushed down the toilet, anything else, even items claiming to be flushable, can potentially clog your septic system
- PUMP EVERY 3-5 YEARS! - This prevents waste from overloading your system! Doing this maintenance step will ensure the longevity of your septic system.
- DON'T DRIVE ON YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM - This can cause damage to the septic system in your yard.
- SAVE WATER - Fixing leaks and allowing time between large water usages can help the good bacteria in your system to do its job properly.

Replacing a residential leach field can cost up to \$15k.

Usage of a garbage disposal will fill your septic system faster!

On well water & have a septic system? Test drinking water to ensure no contamination!

Sources:

1. https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54
2. <https://getpumpednh.com/>



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