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WOLLASTON TOWNSHIP

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM IS? ARE YOU CARING FOR IT PROPERLY?

If you have answered NO to either of the above questions please consider the following information:

- A poorly functioning system can seriously damage the environment or put your health at risk as well as be very costly to replace.
- Locating your system can ensure that you aren't risking damage to the leaching bed by parking on it.
- Remove trees or shrubs to ensure roots aren't clogging the perforated pipes.
- Be aware of the amount of water entering your septic system and ensure that any surface water runoff is away from your leaching bed.

Locating the septic tank ensures easy access at time of pumping. Allowing the cleaning of the effluent filter and (any system installed after 2006 has an effluent filter which needs cleaning annually) to allow inspection of baffles within the tank. **Never enter a septic tank.** A licensed sewage hauler or installer can assist you in inspecting your tank.

The general accepted practise is to have your septic tank pumped every 3-5 years. Summer and early fall is the best time for pumping as it allows ample time for refilling of the system before winter.

Don't overload your system with excessive water usage. Consider low flow fixtures and only doing one full load of laundry a day. Do not have back wash from water softeners drain into septic system. Excessive water overloads the system, pushing solids out of the tank prior to being properly broken down.

Limit your use of chlorine bleach and anti-bacterial products. These products also kill the good bacteria required for your septic system to work properly. If you chlorinate then drain your well, please ensure the water is not run down your drains. Drain the water direct from the pump and ensure it is directed away from your septic system