

If you are not connected to a public sewer and instead rely on a private sewage disposal system to remove waste from your home, you'll want to read on so you can properly protect your plumbing system. You can cause great harm to your home, your family and even the environment if you're not familiar with the proper use and maintenance of your private sewage disposal system.

Children or grandchildren play. Even worse, you could compromise the safety of your home's water supply.

Private sewage disposal systems, sometimes referred to as onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems, are typically underground treatment structures, commonly used in rural areas without centralized sewer systems. They use a combination of nature and proven technologies to treat wastewater from household plumbing produced by bathrooms, kitchen drains and laundry.

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Just like your digestive system, your septic system has 'good' bacteria present that helps to dissolve organic waste. While your septic system is working, it breaks down the waste in your tank. If you don't pump your tank regularly, the bacteria can't do their job, and the tank can become full of sludge. This can lead to clogs and leaks. To keep your septic system working properly, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

Have your system inspected regularly and pump your tank as necessary.

Check for signs of a full tank, such as slow drains, gurgling sounds, or odors.

Call a professional to inspect and pump your tank if you notice any of these signs.

Regular maintenance can help prevent costly repairs and keep your septic system healthy.

The 2021 IPSPDC provides requirements for inspection of private sewage disposal systems and addresses the best practices and technologies to ensure the safety and welfare of communities, individuals and businesses that utilize their own on-site wastewater solutions.

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