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Maintaining Your Septic System

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You just had a new septic system installed, now what?

Once a new system is installed, Renville County sends a folder that contains a Certificate of Compliance, the site map, a management plan, and a homeowner's guide. The management plan is specified to your system.

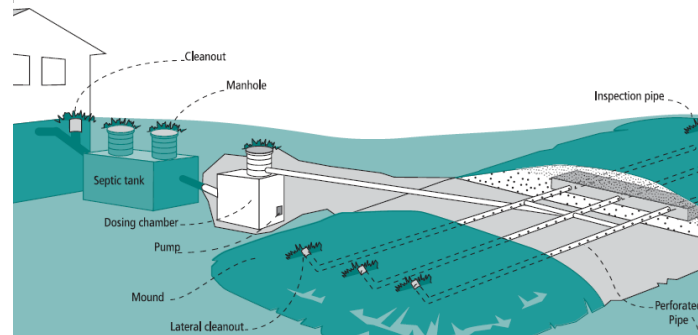
Management Plan

Under the management plan, you should find...

- The people that designed and installed your system.
- The Service Provider/Maintainer for future needs.
- Your tank's general info.
- The homeowner's tasks
- The Service Provider's tasks
- A list of common water-using devices in the home and how they impact your system

General Maintenance Tips

- Homeowners should have their septic tank pumped and inspected at least once every 3 years. Maintainers may recommend more frequent pumping, depending on usage. **New Systems** should have a follow-up inspection 6 months after the system is installed to make sure it is operating sufficiently.
- Keep vehicles and other heavy equipment off the septic system, **which includes the sewer line**, to avoid compaction. Compaction reduces the performance of the soil treatment area, can cause freezing, and also could damage the tank itself.



- Maintain vegetative cover over the soil treatment area, i.e. grass, native grasses, or flowers. Do **NOT** plant trees, shrubs, or deep-rooted plants on or near the soil treatment area.
- Reduce the amount of cleaners and other chemicals that are flushed down the drain. Septic systems rely on bacteria to break down sewage and cleaners can kill off the bacteria.
- Spread out water usage throughout the week, rather than using a lot at one time.
- Water from roof drains, basement drain sump pumps, hot tubs, swimming pools and other clear or chemically treated water should **NOT** be put into the septic system.
- For more information please visit the Environmental Services page on the Renville County website.

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