

# MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

City of Pomona  
Storm Water Program

## *Three Reasons to Care*



**Your  
Property**



**Your  
Water**



**Your  
Community**

Conservation

Maintenance

# CONSERVATION

## EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR SYSTEM BY USING WATER EFFICIENTLY

The more water a household conserves, the less water enters the Septic System. Efficient water use can improve the operation of the system, help protect the environment and increase the lifespan of your system.

Here are some tips to help conserve water and extend the life of your system:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Install high-efficiency showerheads.</li><li>2. Turn off faucets while shaving or brushing your teeth.</li><li>3. Run the washing machine and/or dishwasher only when they are full.</li><li>4. Do not use toilets or sinks for disposing of solids that can go in the trash. Minimize the use of garbage disposals.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Make sure all faucets are completely turned off when not in use.</li><li>6. Maintain your plumbing to eliminate leaks.</li><li>7. Install aerators in the faucets in your kitchen and bathrooms.</li><li>8. Replace old dishwashers, toilets, and washing machines with new, high-efficiency models.</li></ol>
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For more information on water conservation, please visit [www.BeWaterWise.com](http://www.BeWaterWise.com)

# PROPER MAINTENANCE

## MINIMIZE GARBAGE/SOLIDS GOING INTO THE SYSTEM

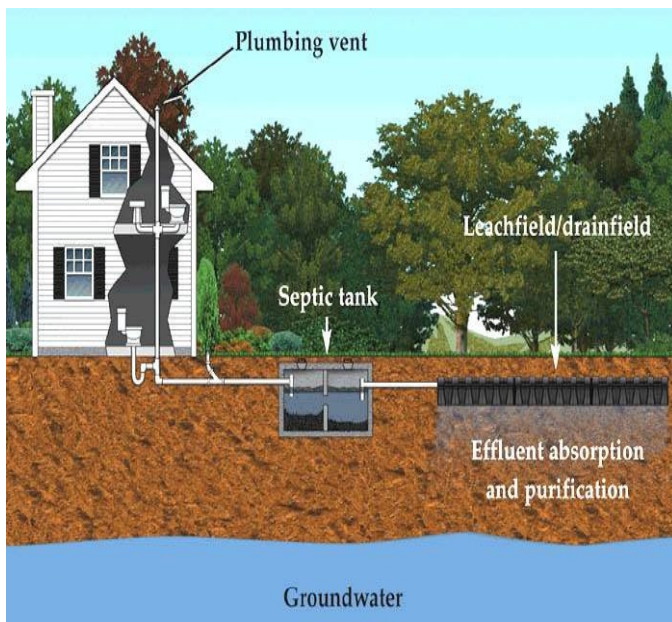
- ✓ Loading a system with organic matter is one of the quickest ways to clog up your system.
- ✓ Minimize the use of a garbage disposal.
- ✓ Use a drain catch and put food waste in the garbage.
- ✓ Never dispose of solids such as kitty litter, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, diapers, cigarettes, etc. in the toilet or sink.

## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- ✓ Never dispose of household chemicals or cooking oil into your system.
- ✓ Collect all hazardous waste in your home and bring them to a free collection center.

Visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). Or call (800) for collection centers in your area.

## KEEP ORGANIC MATTER OF YOUR SYSTEM BY THROWING IT IN THE TRASH.



## MAINTAIN ALL RECORDS

- ✓ Inspect your system (every 1-3 years) and pump your tank (generally every 3-5 years) to reduce your chance of system failure.
- ✓ Know where your tank/system is located. Avoid driving over, placing heavy equipment or doing construction over those areas.

For further information on septic system maintenance, please visit:  
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/index.cfm>

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The Top Three Reasons Why the Care of your Septic System is so Important

1. **YOU WILL HELP TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND LOCAL WATERWAYS BY PREVENTING SANITARY OVERFLOWS THAT CAN ENTER THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.**
2. **YOU WILL PROTECT THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY.**
3. **YOU WILL PREVENT NEIGHBORS FROM WHISPERING ABOUT “*THAT SMELL*”.**



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To Report Illegal Stormwater Discharges, Call 1(888) CLEAN LA

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