



## PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT



Your septic system is designed to last for decades if properly maintained.

A simple septic inspection can identify & help prevent problems in your system that could save you up to \$20,000 in repair costs.

**To get started, contact a certified maintainer from the list on our website:**  
[www.kingcounty.gov/oss](http://www.kingcounty.gov/oss)



## Financial Assistance to Repair or Replace Septic Systems

**Craft3**  
888-231-2170 | [craft3.org](http://craft3.org)

**King County Housing Program**  
206-263-9095 | [kingcounty.gov](http://kingcounty.gov)

**USDA Rural Housing Services Program**  
360-428-4322 ext. 4 | [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov)



**Eastgate Environmental Health Services**  
14350 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98007  
206-477-8050

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Alternative formats available.  
Please call 206-477-4800 or TTY:711

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# Septic System Care Begins with You

*Protect Your Home.  
Protect Your Health.  
Protect Your Community.*



# HELPFUL TIPS

## YOUR HOME

- ▶ Inspect your septic system as needed or every 1 to 3 years based on system type: Gravity 3 years, systems with pump: 1 year
- ▶ Have your septic tank pumped by a certified pumper as needed.
- ▶ Keep septic tank lids accessible and secured
- ▶ Quickly repair leaky faucets and toilets.
- ▶ Spread out when you do laundry; wash full loads, restrict to 2-3 loads per day.
- ▶ Avoid using a garbage disposal.
- ▶ Run showers, dishwasher, and washing machine at different times to avoid overloading the drains.

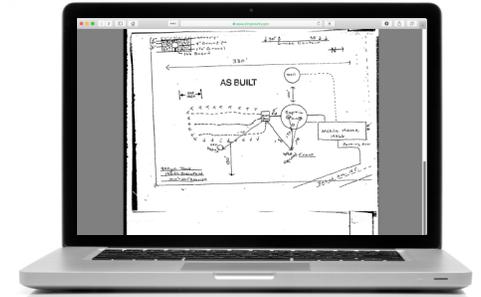
▶ Be aware of what you flush:



- Only put toilet paper, poop, and pee down the drain.
- Keep food scraps out of your drain.
- Pour oil and recycle grease from your pans into a can and throw into trash instead of pouring down the drain.
- Use eco-friendly, fragrance free cleaning products & avoid toxic chemicals.

## YOUR DRAINFIELD

- ▶ Direct water from downspouts and roofs away from the drainfield area.
- ▶ Only grow shallow root plants over your drainfield. Keep trees away.
- ▶ Protect your drainfield from damage by not driving over or parking on it.
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- ▶ Don't cover tanks, drainfield, or reserve area with buildings or hard surfaces.

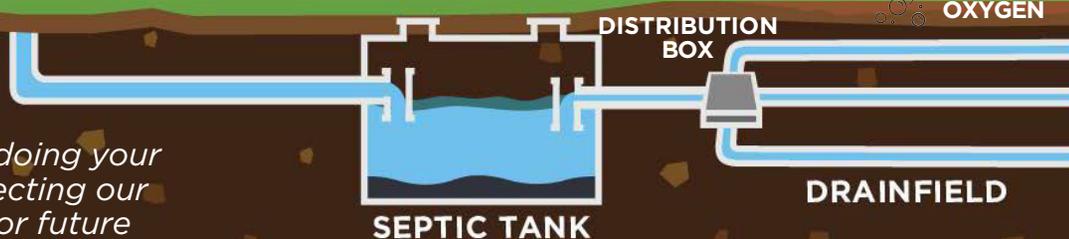


## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Download your system information and map at [www.kingcounty.gov/asbuilt](http://www.kingcounty.gov/asbuilt)

Use the system map to locate the tank, drainfield and reserve area on your property

*Thank you for doing your part and protecting our community for future generations.*



## HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED ADVICE?

We offer free technical assistance.  
Contact us at:

**Environmental Health Services**  
14350 SE Eastgate Way  
Bellevue, WA 98007  
206-477-8050

**Public Health**  
Seattle & King County

GROUNDWATER