Health Department of Northwest Michigan

"If you take good care of your septic system, it will take good care of you!"

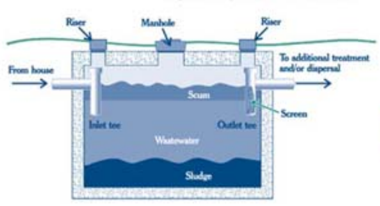
Septic System Care Program

Do:

- **Pump your tank on a regular basis, the more you use it the more often it should be cleaned out.**
- **Conserve water.** Your system is scaled for a certain flow of water. Fix leaking faucets, install low-flow fixtures, and avoid unnecessary water usage. Also, if you build on to your house, add a hot tub or other similar item that generates a large flow of water make sure your system is scaled to handle the extra flow.
- **Restrict or eliminate using the garbage disposal.** Compost your garbage or put it in the trash.
- **Install a lint trap on your washing machine discharge line.**
- **Know where your drainfield is and take care of it.** Divert extra water from flowing over the drainfield and avoid planting anything but grass over the drainfield area. Make sure heavy items are never placed over the drainfield, including piles of snow.
- **Make sure your tank is protected from unauthorized entry.**
- **Know where your septic tank cover is and keep it easily accessible for inspections.**
- **Have your system inspected regularly by a professional AND call a professional when you have problems.** Call the Northwest Michigan Community Health Department at ____________ for guidance if you aren't sure who to call.

Don't:

- **Flush items that aren't biodegradable.** Diapers, wipes, tampons, condoms, sanitary napkins, should go in the trash.
- **Allow hazardous fluids to enter your wastewater treatment system.** Solvents, oils, paint thinners, poisons, pesticides, etc need to be disposed of properly. Call your township office for the date of the next dropoff.
- **Enter a septic tank--EVER!** Gases in the tank are very dangerous. Call a professional service provider in case of problems.
- **Dig in your drainfield or build anything over it.**



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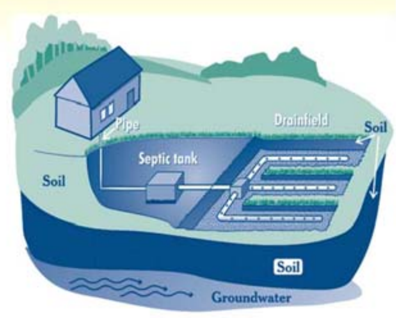

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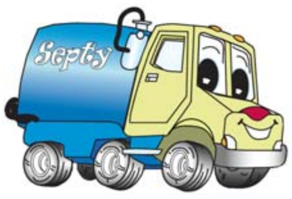

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System Permit

Issued to: ______________________________ Date Issued: _______________

Address: ____

Legal Description: ____

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System Description

Septic Tank Size (Gallons): _______________ Pump Size: ________________

Drainfield Type: ☐ Bed ☐ Mound ☐ Other ______________________________

Drainfield Dimensions:

Other: ☐ Outlet Filter ☐ Sand Filter ☐ Aerobic Treatment Unit, Model ___________

☐ Pump ☐ Siphon ☐ Diversion Valve ☐ Other _________________________

Installed by Contractor: ____

Address: ____

Phone: __________________ Emergency Contact Number: __________________

System Pumper: ____

Address: ____

Phone: __________________ Emergency Contact Number: __________________

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Sketch system layout here

System Maintenance Record

Description	Date	Description	Date