



Town of Marshall Septic System Maintenance and Operations

What is a septic tank?

Every resident in Marshall has a septic tank. Septic tanks are large concrete containers underground that hold solids and liquid waste disposed from your home. A pump that is attached to the septic system pumps out the liquid waste into the main sewer lines.

How do septic tanks work?

Waste water leaves your house and is deposited into a tank underground. The solids and liquid waste break down and as the tank fills, the liquid waste will eventually run off and overflow into a tank for liquid waste only. When the level of the liquid waste raises and tips the float upside-down, it will send an electrical charge to the pump and pump the liquid waste into the main sewer system.

How often is my septic tank cleaned out?

If you live on the east side of main street – Odd years, west side – even years. Every two years, the town will have your septic tank cleaned out. Please be sure your tank is accessible and there are no obstacles for the truck to gain access to your property.

The septic systems are cleaned out every two years by the Town. (Even years – west side – Odd years – east years)

2016 – West side of Town

2019 – East side of Town

2017 – East side of Town

2020 – West side of Town

2018 – West side of Town

What should I do my septic system?

When your septic tank have been cleaned out, your septic pump may loose its prime. If your pump runs longer than 10 minutes, shut the pump off then prime your pump. This may need to be repeated 3 or 4 times before your pump is primed.

Every year you should:

Be sure your check valve is operational.

Make sure your septic tank lid(s) are on securely and are in good shape

Check your pump for leaks, corrosion or other imperfections.

What should I not do to my septic system?

You should **never** flush or put the following items down your drain: any plastic or any kind, sanitary napkins, bags, cooking fat, paper towel, paint, motor oil, cigarette butts, foreign objects or any other that may get trapped in the lines or in your pump.