Water Pollution Prevention

Tips for Maintaining a Septic Tank System

For Emergencies, dial 911.

951-782-2968
After business hours, call
951-398-5712 or 1-888-722-4234
Environmental Health
Riverside County Department of
Public Health
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., call
During normal business hours
To Report A Sewage Spill:

For more information,
www.rivco.org
1-800-596-7555
Water Pollution Prevention Program
"Only Rain Down The Storm Drain"
Riverside County
Keep Pump Away From The Tank

1. Pump the tank when needed: pump the tank when needed to prevent it from overflowing.

2. Inspect the system: inspect the system regularly to ensure it is functioning properly.

3. Keep records: keep records of all maintenance and repairs.

4. Protect the system from damage: protect the system from damage caused by objects or chemicals that may damage the tank.

5. Conserve water: conserve water, as the less water you use, the less you need to pump.

Tips for Maintaining a Septic Tank System:

- Regularly check the system for leaks or blockages.
- Maintain a healthy bacterial balance in the tank.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals or solvents that can harm the bacteria.
- Install a grease trap in the kitchen to prevent fats and oils from entering the system.
- Avoid pouring greasy foods down the sink, such as cooking oil or butter.
- Limit the amount of water use activities performed, such as washing dishes or laundry, to conserve water.
- Use a septic tank pump to remove the sludge and scum from the tank.
- Hire a professional plumber to clean and maintain the system.