

***Don't flush it and forget it
or you may regret it***

Your septic system may last for decades if properly maintained.

While it costs \$500 and up to pump the average septic tank, repair or replacement of the septic system ranges from \$3,000 to \$20,000 or even higher depending on the complexity of the septic system and its location.



Regular maintenance of your septic system is also the law and could result in liability if not up to date.

Financial Assistance to Repair or Replace Septic Systems

- **Craft3:**
Call 888-231-2170
- **King County Housing Repair Program:**
Call 206-263-9095.
- **USDA Rural Housing Services Program:**
Call 360-428-4322 ext. 4.

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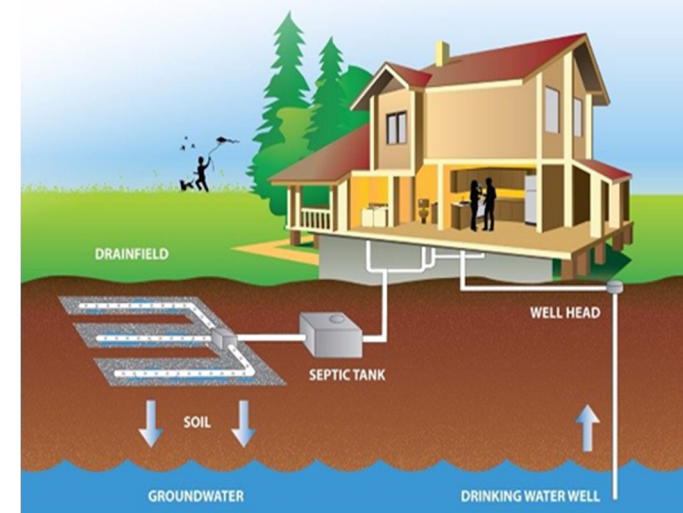
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MAINTAINING SEPTIC
SYSTEMS

**SEPTIC SYSTEM
CARE BEGINS
WITH YOU**

***Protect Your Home
Protect Your Health***



Septic System Do's

Your Home

- Inspect and regularly pump-out your septic tank as needed every 1-3 years.
- Keep septic tank lids accessible and secured.
- Use water efficiently. Use “low flow” fixtures.
- Quickly repair leaky faucets and toilets.
- Spread out when you do laundry, wash full loads, restrict to 2-3 loads per day.

Your drain-field

- Direct water from downspouts and roofs away from the drain-field.
- Install risers for easier access.



Keep it clean!






Learn about your Septic System

- Download your system information and map at www.kingcounty.gov/asbuilt.
- Use the system map to locate the tank, drain-field and reserve area on your property.

Septic System Don'ts

Your Home

- Don't flush diapers, tampons, condoms. 
- Don't flush coffee ground, cigarette butts, grease. 
- Don't flush septic tank additives and other toxic chemicals. 
- Don't flush medicines.
- Don't drain water from hot tubs.
- Don't run dishwashers and washing machines at the same time.

Your drain-field

- Don't construct patios, carports or use landscaping plastic over the drain-field.
- Don't park vehicles on your septic system and drain-field.

Have a problem? Contact us at

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