

Maintaining Your Septic Tank

While septic tanks need little maintenance, a few simple routine checks will help extend the system's life and keep it performing at its best.

1. Use septic-friendly cleaning products

Only use products labelled as septic-safe. Regular chemicals can damage the tank and kill the bacteria needed to break down solids. **Important:** Even one teaspoon of dishwashing liquid can disrupt the system for up to seven days.

2. Choose septic-safe toilet paper

Use toilet paper that breaks down easily to prevent blockages.

3. Don't flush non-biodegradable items

Avoid flushing wipes, sanitary products, nappies, or any other non-biodegradable items, as these can clog the tank and soakaway.

4. Keep the lid secure

The tank lid is filled with concrete during installation to keep it sealed. Check periodically to ensure it remains firmly in place so nothing can fall in and no effluent can leak out.

5. Monitor for warning signs

Contact a qualified septic professional immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Sewage pooling on the surface or unexplained wet spots
- Gurgling sounds in the plumbing
- Slow-draining fixtures