

## Septic Maintenance

- What goes down might come back around! Properly functioning septic systems will remove phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria, and viruses from wastewater, but failing ones allow these pollutants to contaminate our waters. In fact, every failing septic system can discharge more than 76,650 gallons of untreated wastewater into Indiana's groundwaters and surface waters every year. Have your septic system inspected every three years to avoid costly repairs and help protect our water! While you're at it, take an action pledge and challenge your friends and family to do the same:

<https://indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/septic/>

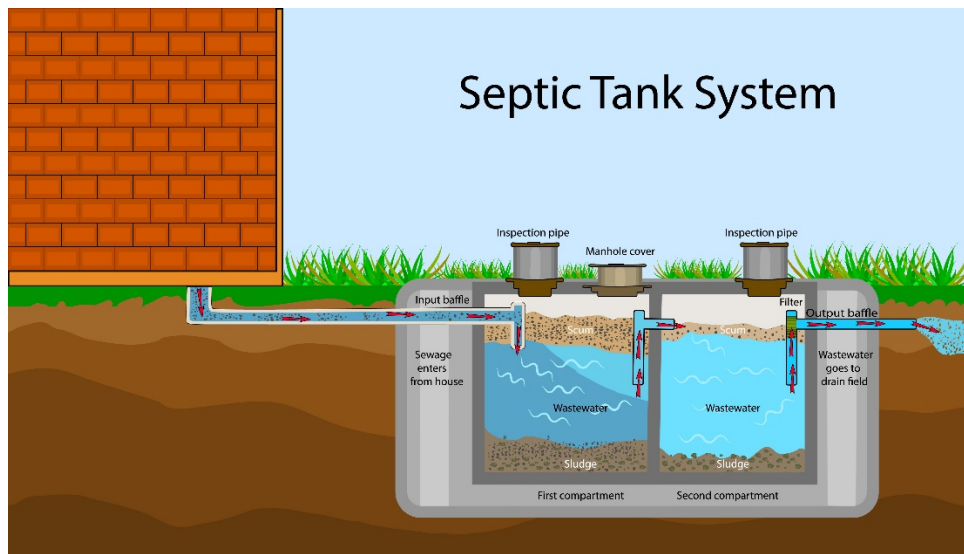
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- According to a publication by Purdue University Extension every failing septic system can discharge an estimated 76,650 gallons of untreated wastewater into Indiana's groundwaters and surface waters every year. There are about 200,000 failing septic systems in Indiana (estimated by the ISDH), meaning approximately 15.3 billion gallons of raw sewage are introduced into the environment on an annual basis. Get your septic system inspected today and help protect our water! Learn more at

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- Not only do malfunctioning septic systems leak raw sewage, but nutrients like Nitrogen and Phosphorous also become pollutants. Learn more with this video from the EPA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WalrLFq3DGI&feature=youtu.be>  
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- Water: It's worth your time! Failing septic systems can be a major source of pollution to our waterways, including well systems. Get your system inspected every three years, or contact your county health department if you suspect problems. You can even take an action pledge and spread the word: <https://indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/septic>  
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