

Homeowner Interview Form for Failing Septic Systems

1. Installer of septic system: _____
2. Septic system installation date: _____
3. Has your septic tank been pumped out recently? _____ yes _____ no
If yes, when was it pumped last? _____
4. Number of people who live in your home: _____
How many adults: _____ How many children: _____
5. What would you estimate is your average daily water usage (in gallons)? _____
6. Do you have a garbage disposal? _____ yes _____ no
7. Do you have a dishwashing machine? _____ yes _____ no
8. Do you have a washing machine? _____ yes _____ no If yes, is the washing machine connected to your septic system? _____ yes _____ no
9. Do you have a water softener or water treatment system? _____ yes _____ no
If yes, where does it drain? _____
10. Do you use an "in the tank" toilet bowl sanitizer? _____ yes _____ no
11. Is any family member using a long-term prescription drug, antibiotics, or chemotherapy? _____ yes _____ no If yes, what kinds? _____
12. Are any household cleaning chemicals or any other chemicals (paint, paint thinners, etc.) disposed down the drain? _____ yes _____ no If yes, what kinds? _____

13. Have you checked inside your home for plumbing leaks? _____ yes _____ no
Do any of your sinks drip continuously or does your toilet run continuously?
_____ yes _____ no
14. Do you have an underground lawn-watering system? _____
15. Has any site work been done to the house since you moved in, such as underground roof gutter drains, basement/foundation drains, landscaping, etc.? _____
What kinds? _____

16. Are there any underground utilities on your lot?

Check which types:

_____ power _____ phone _____ cable _____ gas _____ water

17. Describe what happens when you have a problem with your septic tank system.

18. Does the problem seem to be linked to a specific event (washing clothes, heavy rains, friends coming over, etc.)?

19. When did you first notice the problem?
