

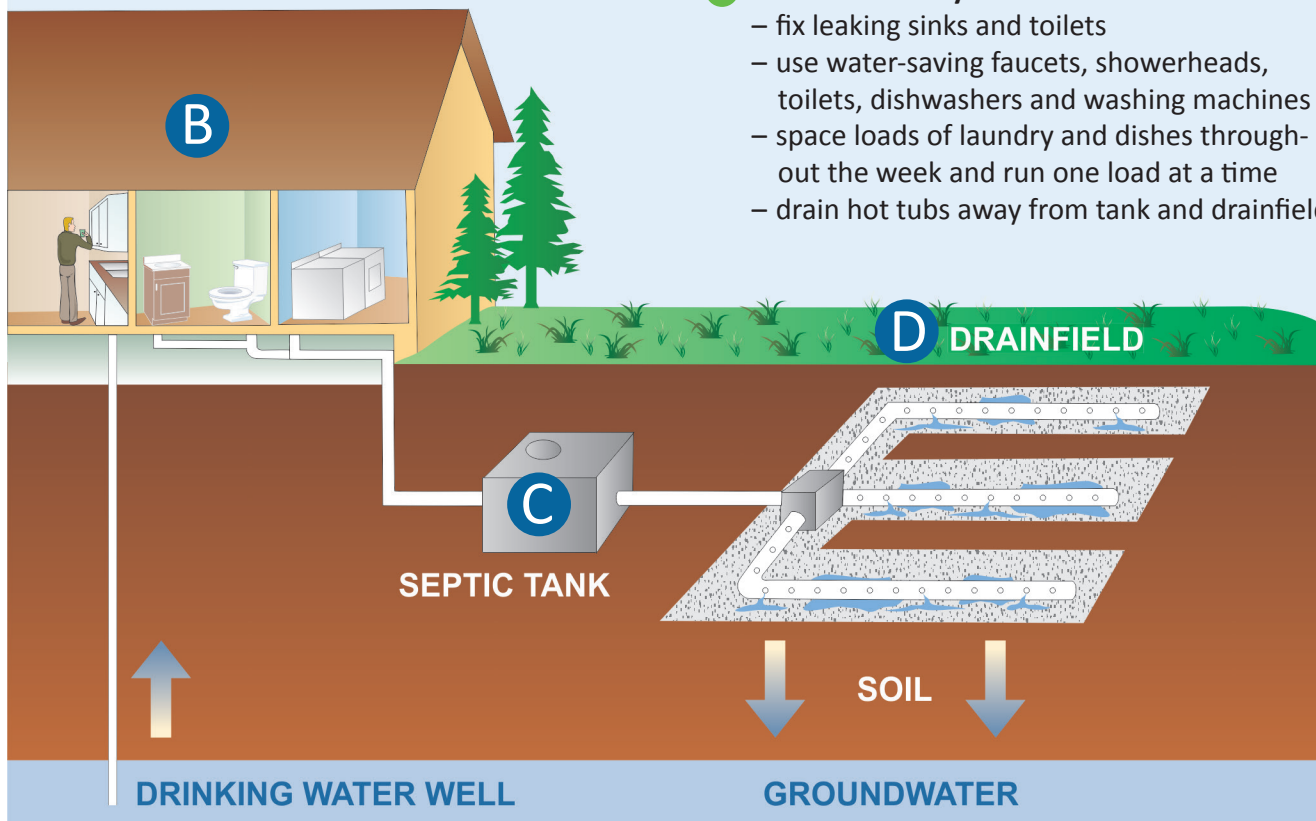
# Your Septic System - Easy ways to keep it running

- A Know your system**
- ▶ Download your system information at [www.snohd.org](http://www.snohd.org) (click "Septic As-Built" on left side of page)
  - ▶ Use your system map to locate the tank, drainfield and reserve area on your property

- B Choose wisely in your house**
- ▶ Keep these out of the drain and toilet:
    - kitchen scraps, fats, oils, grease
    - baby wipes, tissue, paper towels
    - floss, hair, feminine products, condoms
    - kitty litter
    - septic system additives
    - old medicine (find drop-off locations at [www.takebackyourmeds.org](http://www.takebackyourmeds.org))
    - harsh chemicals, cleaners and paints (take to hazardous waste facility, [www.snoco.org/solidwaste](http://www.snoco.org/solidwaste))
  - ▶ Use water wisely:
    - fix leaking sinks and toilets
    - use water-saving faucets, showerheads, toilets, dishwashers and washing machines
    - space loads of laundry and dishes throughout the week and run one load at a time
    - drain hot tubs away from tank and drainfield

- C Maintain your tank**
- ▶ Schedule routine inspections from a certified septic provider at least every three years
  - ▶ Pump your system when recommended by your inspector
  - ▶ Clean the tank outlet screen yearly (if you have one)

- D Protect your drainfield and reserve area**
- ▶ Call your septic provider if you find odors, wet spots or sewage
  - ▶ Keep your drainfield clear of:
    - vehicle traffic
    - structures
    - livestock
    - irrigation/sprinklers
    - downspouts
    - deep-rooted plants
  - ▶ Keep your reserve area clear of vehicle traffic, structures and livestock



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