

Your Septic System - Easy ways to keep it running

A Know your system

- ▶ Download your system information at www.snohd.org (click "Septic As-Built" under "Healthy Places" at top of page)
- ▶ Use your system map to locate the tank, drainfield and reserve area on your property

B Choose wisely in your house

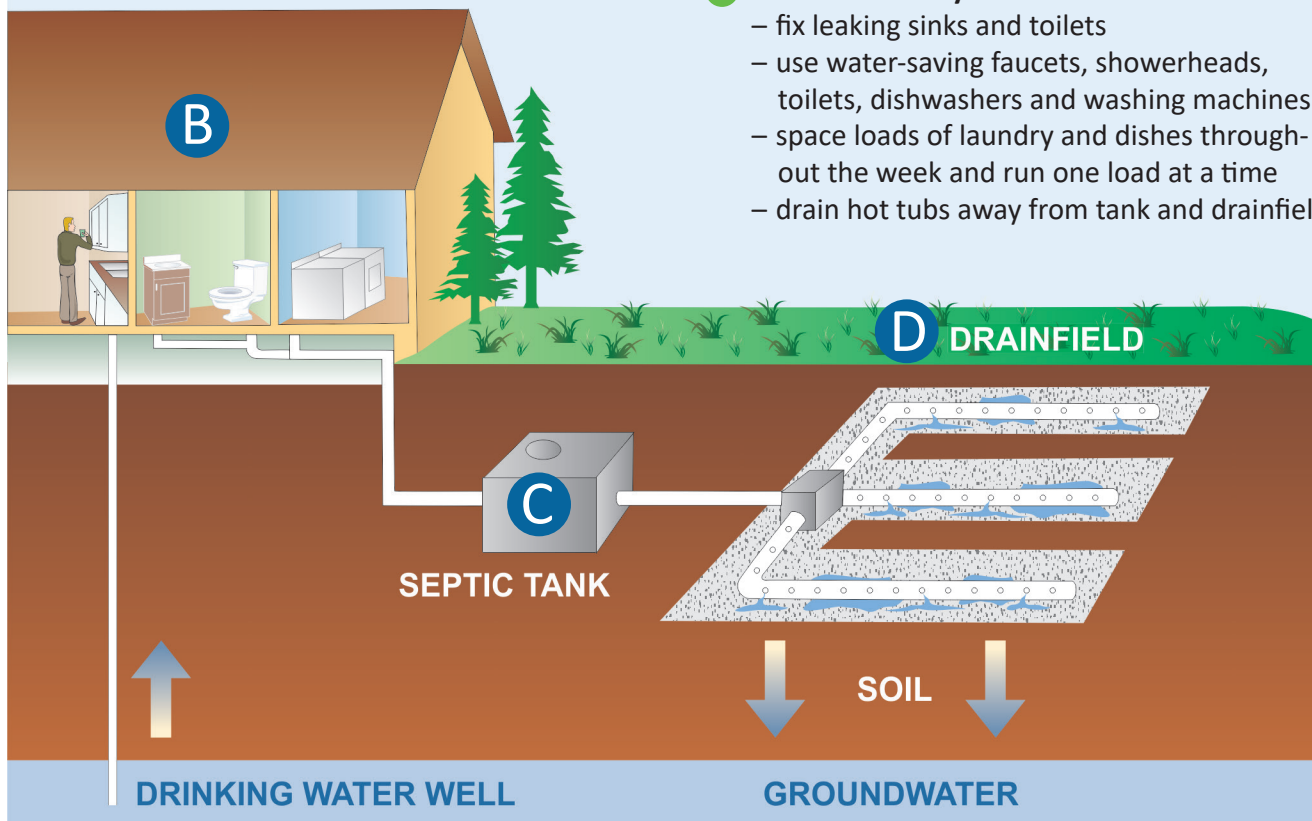
- ▶ Keep these out of the drain and toilet:
 - kitchen scraps, fats, oils, grease
 - baby wipes, tissue, paper towels
 - floss, hair, feminine products, condoms
 - kitty litter
 - septic system additives
 - old medicine (find drop-off locations at www.snohd.org/203)
 - harsh chemicals, cleaners and paints (take to hazardous waste facility, 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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