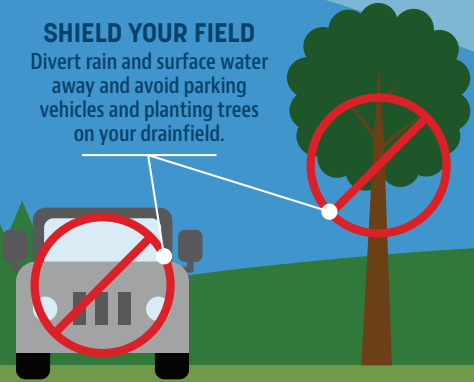


7 WAYS TO BE A GOOD SEPTIC OWNER & HELP PROTECT LAKE GEORGE

SHIELD YOUR FIELD

Divert rain and surface water away and avoid parking vehicles and planting trees on your drainfield.



DON'T OVERLOAD THE COMMODE

Don't flush diapers, wipes or other items meant for a trashcan down the toilet.



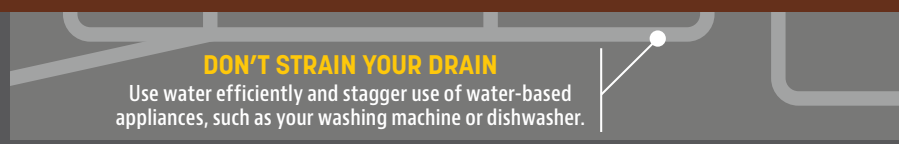
THINK AT THE SINK

Limit use of your garbage disposal and avoid pouring fats, grease, solids and harsh chemicals down the drain.



DON'T STRAIN YOUR DRAIN

Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances, such as your washing machine or dishwasher.



PROTECT IT AND INSPECT IT

A typical septic system should be serviced every one to three years by a septic service professional.



PUMP YOUR TANK

Ensure your septic tank is pumped at regular intervals as recommended by a professional.

KEEP IT CLEAN

If you are on a well, test your drinking water regularly to ensure it remains clean and free of contamination.



DRAINFIELD

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE



AQUIFER

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DID YOU KNOW THAT LAKE GEORGE IS DRINKING WATER?

Many residents around the watershed rely on Lake George for clean, safe water for drinking, cooking, and bathing and many more still rely on it for swimming, boating, and fishing.

There are approximately 6,000 private septic systems around Lake George, and keeping yours up-to-date is one way you can help protect the lake. Underperforming septic systems can leak nutrients, pathogens, and bacteria into the water which can lead to a variety of water quality impairments, reduce recreational opportunities, and may be harmful to human health.

POORLY MAINTAINED OR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON LAKE GEORGE.

Good maintenance and practices can keep your septic system running for decades and save you thousands of dollars. Thank you for doing your part!

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