



# Do Your Part and Be Septic Smart

## Did you know?

- Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink, shower, or bath, everything that goes down your drains ends up in your septic system. What goes down the drain affects how well your septic system works.
- Know your Septic Tank! Every home's septic system is unique. Depending on the septic tank size and number of residents it serves, tanks are typically required to be pumped somewhere between every three to five years. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency recommends your septic system should be inspected at least every three years by a septic service professional. Please do your part and keep your tanks clean and up to date.
- A malfunctioning septic system may release bacteria, viruses, and chemicals which can be toxic to the environment and public health. With OC San's help, your hauled septic waste material may be processed into reusable biosolids and biogas used to generate energy at our treatment plants.

## How Do You Care for Your Septic System?

Septic system maintenance is not complicated, and it does not need to be expensive. Upkeep comes down to these key elements:

- Inspect and Pump Frequently and Properly Dispose of Waste
- Use Water Efficiently
- Maintain Your Leach Field and Cesspool

## OC San is Here to Help!

OC San collects and treats more than 180 million gallons of wastewater a day from 2.6 million people in Central and Northern Orange County. By helping keep your septic tanks clean you are helping us protect the environment!

**Septic tanks that aren't pumped regularly tend to have a higher concentration of toxic material**

**Did you know that four billion gallons of wastewater are dispersed by septic systems every day?**

**Your septic system is not a trash can, keep flushable wipes and food waste out**

**Do not flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper**

**Remember the Three P's :  
Pee, Poop, and Paper**

**For more information visit:**

**<https://www.epa.gov/septic/how-care-your-septic-system>**

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