

Septic Maintenance Saves Streams

The city of Grayson has many homes served by septic systems. This is an efficient and environmentally-friendly way to treat wastewater from your home. Septic systems recharge groundwater, handle smaller amounts of waste than sewer systems, and encourage water conservation. However, regular maintenance is necessary to prevent possible failures.

When septic systems fail they can be a significant source of water pollution in local streams and ponds. Untreated waste can seep to the surface and runoff with rain water to reach these waterways. Many septic owners think that if there isn't a problem, then there isn't a need to do maintenance. This is not true!

Think of septic maintenance like changing the oil in your car. You can drive your car a long time without an oil change, but after a while problems will arise and then there will be a catastrophic failure. In septic systems, symptoms like slow drains, gurgling toilets, and wet spots in the yard can indicate that maintenance is past due. If left unmaintained, these systems can fail and pollute Grayson's waterways.

Be sure to have your septic tank pumped every three to five years. This is like putting fresh oil in your car and will lead to a longer life for your system while helping to protect Grayson's waterways. For more information about maintaining your septic system, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, click on "Get Educated" and then "Septic Tanks." Scroll down to find the "Homeowner's Guide to Septic System Maintenance" under Other Resources.

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