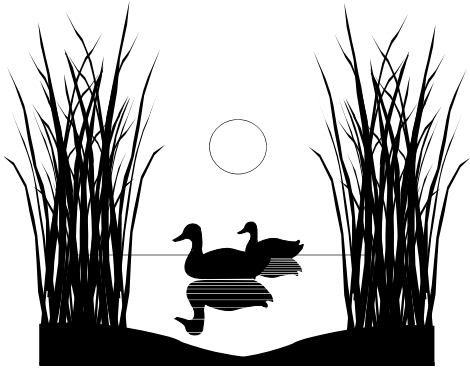


# Septic System Problems

Some of the most common problems caused by septic systems that do not work right are:

- ◆ Pollution of ground water, nearby creeks, and ponds, thereby killing fish and wildlife.



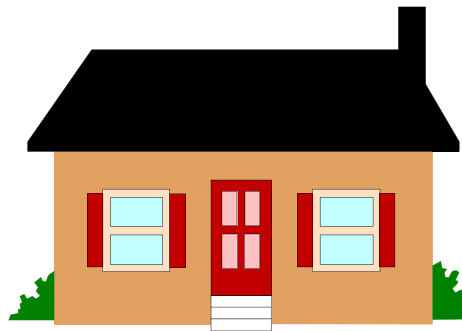
- ◆ High repair costs.



- ◆ Health problems for your family and neighbors.



- ◆ Reduced value of your home.



# Warning Signs Of Problems That Must Be Fixed Right Away

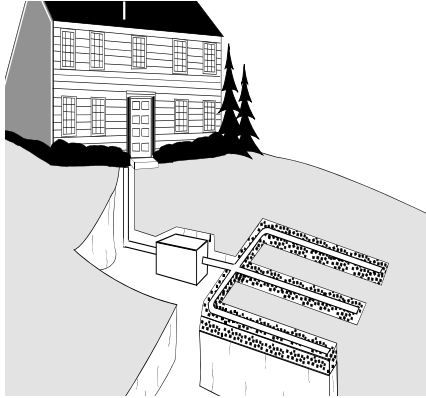
- ◆ Toilets flush slowly and water goes down sinks and drains slowly.



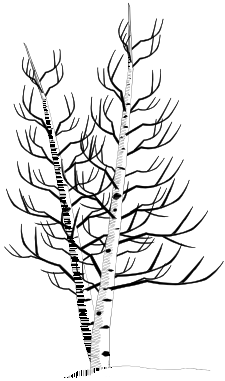
- ◆ Gurgling sounds can be heard in the plumbing when you flush the toilet or run water down the sink.



Standing water or soggy ground are common near the drainfield.



- ◆ You smell sewage near the septic tank or drainfield area.
- ◆ Water loving trees such as willows, sycamores, birches, or maples grow within 10 feet of the septic tank.



## What Do You Need To Do To Fix These Problems?

- ◆ Have your septic tank and drain-field check by an expert each year.
- ◆ Have your septic tank pumped out every 3-5 years.



- ◆ Cut back on how much water you use.
- ◆ Don't flush disposable diapers, tampons, and cigarette butts down the toilet.
- ◆ Don't dump cleaners, cooking oil, grease, or mop water down the drain.
- ◆ Don't drive over the drainfield.

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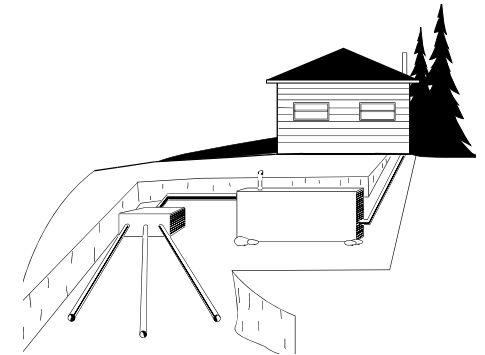
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