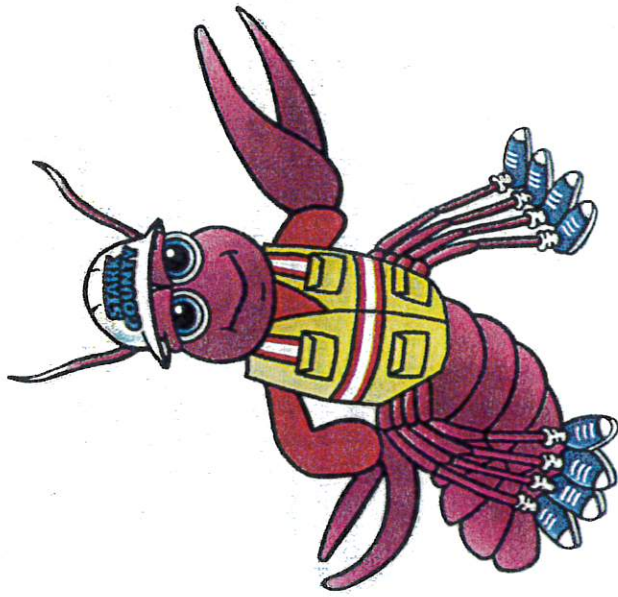


“Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart”

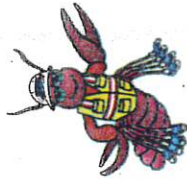


No one practice can solve all issues related to **stormwater runoff**. The important thing to remember is that every effort helps! Any practices you follow at home will have a positive impact on water quality and will benefit you and the environment.

“Only Rain” Down the Drain”

“Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart”

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer flows untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Only 1% of our water is usable, drinkable water. We can not afford to pollute and contaminate it.



If you are a homeowner with a septic system, you are responsible for it. If properly constructed and maintained, your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater. If it's not maintained, replacement could cost you thousands of dollars. A malfunctioning system can contaminate groundwater that might be a source of drinking water.

Use Water Efficiently:

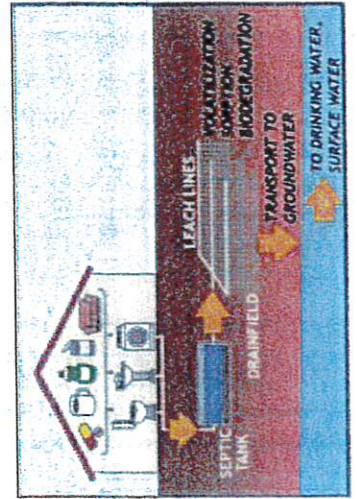
- ◇ Install high-efficiency showerheads
- ◇ Fill the bathtub with only as much water as you need
- ◇ Turn off faucets while shaving or brushing your teeth
- ◇ Run the dishwasher and clothes washer only when they're full
- ◇ Don't use the toilet as a waste basket, only dispose of appropriate items in the toilet
- ◇ Make sure all faucets are completely turned off when not in use
- ◇ Maintain your plumbing to eliminate leaks
- ◇ Replace old dishwashers, toilets, and clothes washers with new, high efficiency models
- ◇ Make sure the clothes washer is connected to the septic system

For more information on water conservation and septic systems, please visit www.epa.gov. or <https://starkhealth.org>.

Remember— Only Rain Down the Drain!

Top 10 Ways to be a Good Septic Owner

- ◆ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your local health department's recommendations
- ◆ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ◆ Avoid pouring harsh products down the drain (oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications, etc.)
- ◆ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (floss, disposable wipes, etc.)
- ◆ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ◆ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ◆ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ◆ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ◆ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate free
- ◆ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)



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