

Septic System Tips



After a strong earthquake you may need to live without a working toilet for weeks or months. On-site septic systems are buried underground and can become damaged.

Is your system working?

Your septic system may still be working if:

- ❓ Your water supply is functioning
- ❓ You have electricity (some systems require power for a pump)
- ❓ Toilets flush and sinks drain properly

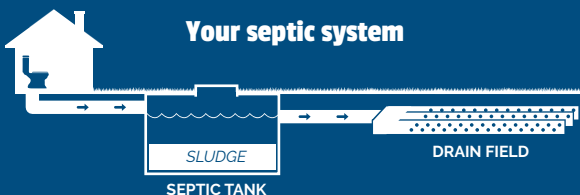
Signs it is not working

After an earthquake, inspect your septic system to look for these signs of problems:

- ✔ The earth has moved around your septic system
- ✔ Abnormal wet or soft spots in yard
- ✔ Sewage odors
- ✔ Water or sewage backing up in downstairs bath or floor drain

If you have problems

- 1 Limit use of water in your home and use a twin bucket system until repairs are made (*see reverse*).
- 2 Keep people and pets away from your septic system until it is back in service.
- 3 Only use licensed professionals to repair/replace your septic system.



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