



# Homeowner's Septic System Checklist\*

## Things to keep in mind:

- ◆ Inspect your system every one to three years and pump your tank as necessary, generally every three to five years. However, **if** you are using a "pit" or "dry well" septic system, do not pump out your system until the inspector describes a problem with the system;
- ◆ Use water efficiently;
- ◆ Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks and toilets;
- ◆ Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the drainfield;
- ◆ Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil in your drainfield or damage the pipes, tank, or other septic system components.

## Septic System Maintenance Record

Next Service	Scheduled Activity	Company & Phone #	Activities Completed	Comments
Jan. 2008	Inspection	Joe Pumper 555-1443	Inspection	Sludge layer ok, may need pumping next year

\*Place on electrical fuse box or other convenient location.