Your Septic System - Easy ways to keep it running

A Know your system

- Download your system information and map (add your website link here)
- Use your system map to locate the tank, drainfield and reserve area on your property

B Choose wisely in your house

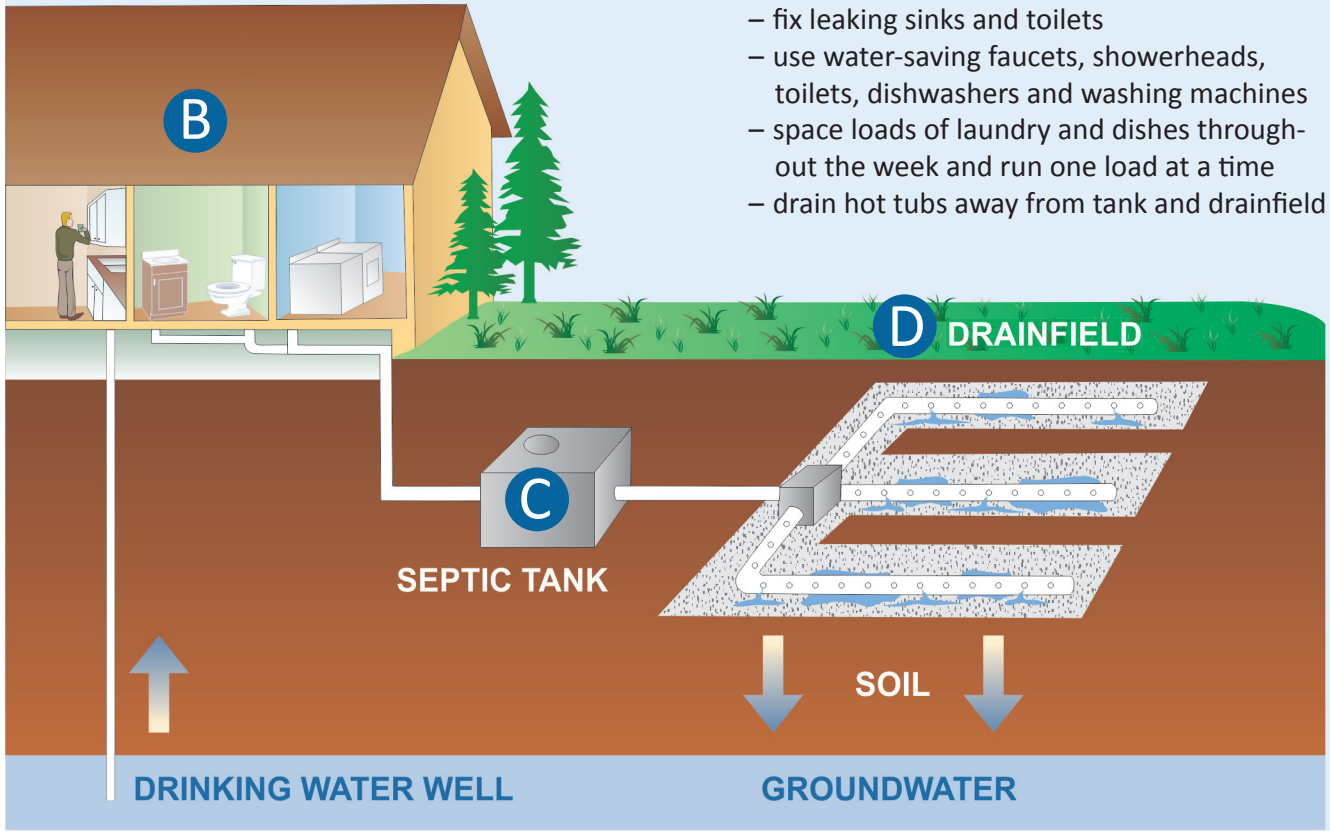
- Keep these out of the drain and toilet:
  - kitchen scraps, fats, oils, grease
  - baby wipes, tissue, paper towels
  - floss, hair, feminine products, condoms
  - kitty litter
  - septic system additives
  - old medicine (find drop-off locations at www.takebackyourmeds.org)
  - harsh chemicals, cleaners and paints (take to hazardous waste facility) (add your website link here)
- Use water wisely:
  - fix leaking sinks and toilets
  - use water-saving faucets, showerheads, toilets, dishwashers and washing machines
  - space loads of laundry and dishes throughout the week and run one load at a time
  - drain hot tubs away from tank and drainfield

C Maintain your tank

- Schedule routine inspections from a certified septic provider at least every three years
- Pump your system when recommended by your inspector
- Clean the tank outlet screen yearly (if you have one)

D Protect your drainfield and reserve area

- Call your septic provider if you find odors, wet spots or sewage
- Keep your drainfield clear of:
  - vehicle traffic
  - structures
  - livestock
  - irrigation/sprinklers
  - downspouts
  - deep-rooted plants
- Keep your reserve area clear of vehicle traffic, structures and livestock



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