

Septic System Maintenance

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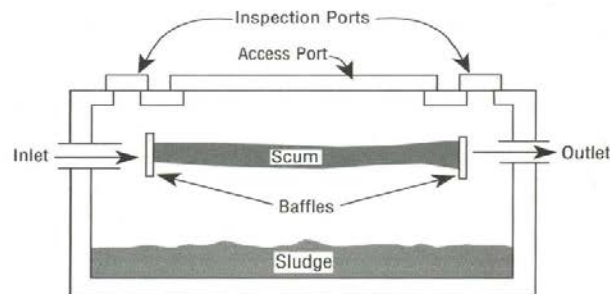
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Table 1. Estimated septic tank pumping frequency (in years) for different size tanks for 1 to 9 people in a household of year-round residence.

Note: If a garbage disposal is used, more frequent pumping is required.

Tank Size (in gallons)	Number of People								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
500	5.8	2.6	1.5	1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
750	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1	0.7	0.6	0.4
1,000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.2	1	0.8
1,500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5
2,000	25.4	12.4	8	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2
2,500	31.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4.4	4	3.0



Cross Section of a Septic Tank

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