

Septic System Measuring Program FAQ's

Why is the Municipality of East Bolton regulating septic systems?

The Quebec Provincial Government requires ALL local municipalities and MRC's to take charge of the septic installations on their territory (Q-2, r.8). For more information visit:

http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=3&file=/Q_2/Q2R8_A.htm

2. How do I avoid digging up both my covers each year?

For the purposes of this program, you need to dig up the FIRST cover only. We will measure all tanks every year, even if you had your tank cleaned out last year, to keep our records up-to-date.

3. How do yearly inspections help protect the environment?

By reducing the amount of waste treated needlessly, and by reducing the transit of large trucks to and from our area. It is also a monitoring program, so that tanks found to be polluting can be identified and dealt with accordingly.

4. How can I reduce the frequency of emptying my septic tank?

Avoid pouring bleach and other chemicals down your drains; this kills the active bacteria in your tank and makes it fill up faster. Flushing tissues and toilet paper also increases the level of scum in your tank very quickly. It should not be necessary to add store-bought chemicals to your septic tank; bacteria are already naturally present in your tank, and if left alone, will work effectively.

5. Who should I call if I need to have my septic tank emptied?

Call the Town Hall: (450) 292-3444, and we will give you phone numbers for contractors in the area.