

WHAT IS A SEPTIC SYSTEM?

The purpose of an onsite subsurface sewage disposal system (septic system) is to provide treatment of household waste using natural processes. A septic system with an absorption field is the most common method of treating waste in areas where city sewers are not available.

A septic system consists of three main parts:

1. **Septic Tank**: Waste exits the house through a sewer pipe and enters the septic tank. There solids settle and liquid, small amounts of grease, and scum float to the top.
2. **Distribution Box**: Next liquid waste, from mid tank depth flows from the septic tank to the distribution box to the leaching fields.
3. **Leach Fields**: The liquid waste flows from the distribution box(s) where it is absorbed into the soil for treatment and drainage.

