

## SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE

### Pump your septic tank every 2 - 4 years

Solids could be overflowing to the leaching facility right now, causing damage that will require expensive repairs.

### Investigate signs of failure immediately

- Slow draining of toilets and sinks
- Foul odor, patches of green grass, ponded water, or melting snow near the leaching system

### Minimize water use in the home

The less water used, the longer the retention period in the tank and the more solids the bacteria can decompose.

### Do not dispose of the following wastes

- Garbage. Use of disposals adds massive amounts of solids to the tank.
- Sanitary napkins, colored toilet paper, disposable diapers and tissues do not decompose.
- Cooking oil, fat and grease can pass through the septic tank and clog the leaching facility.
- Pesticides, disinfectants, acids, medicine, paint thinners, etc. will kill the helpful bacteria in the tank and contaminate the groundwater.

### **DO NOT USE CESSPOOL CLEANERS**

There are no known chemicals, yeasts, bacteria, enzymes or other substances capable of eliminating or reducing the sludge and scum so that periodic cleaning is unnecessary. Many of these cleaners contain highly concentrated organic solvents that are rated toxic and suspected to be cancer-causing by the EPA and National Cancer Institute. They are not bio-degradable and pose a serious potential threat to private and public water supply wells. The use of such products is not necessary for the proper functioning of a septic system.

## HOMEOWNER RECORDS



Sketch house, septic tank, leaching facility and show distances from septic tank cover to nearest house corners.

## TANK SERVICE RECORD

Date	Contractor	Service Performed
4-17-88	Bousfield	100 gal. septic tank
9-24-00	" "	Pump out

If you have problems, contact your local board of health or health agent.

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## BOUSFIELD SANITARY SERVICE

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Approximately 90% of Cape Cod's population disposes of its wastewater through individual on-site sewage disposal systems. If properly operated and maintained, an on-site system can provide many years of trouble free service. If neglected, however, the system is likely to fail, creating public health hazards and expensive repairs for the homeowner. This pamphlet describes the principles of septic system operation and explains the maintenance procedures necessary to insure long life for the system. A homeowner's maintenance record is provided on the back.

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO

Ms. Mary Buttington  
 ADDRESS  
 P.O. Box 222

DATE  
 2/24/88

PHONE

Marion, MA 02738

DATE OF PLANS

JOB NAME AND LOCATION

49 Maryland Avenue, Mon. Beach

ARCHITECT

JOB PHONE

We hereby submit specifications and estimates, subject to all terms and conditions as set forth on both sides, as follows:  
 to install a one thousand gallon septic tank  
 and two (2) 4 X 8 flow diffusers per regulations  
 and conditions of the Board of Health and the  
 Conservation Commission.

(Read Reverse Side)

Mr **Armanar** hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications,  
 for the sum of: Three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$ 3800.00 )

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if  
 not accepted within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Authorized  
 Signature

**Accepted:** The above prices, specifications and  
 conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You  
 are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment  
 will be made as outlined above.

*Mary P. Buddinger*  
 Signature

Date April 1, 1988

Signature

BALANCE CHARGES AND CREDITS DATE

BALANCE 3800 00

BALANCE FORWARD

Obtain permits, install a 1000 gallon  
 septic tank and 2 flo diffusers,  
 obtain required inspections, regrade  
 work area, loam and seed.

4/14/88

*Keeler Exp. System*  
*Yves Pump out T.*

PAY LAST AMOUNT IN THIS COLUMN  
*Thank You*

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