

# Grundy County Septic System Maintenance

## SEPTIC TANK PUMPING FREQUENCIES IN YEARS (FOR YEAR-ROUND RESIDENCE)

Tank Size (gal)	Household Size (Number of People)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	0.3
<b>1000</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2</b>	1.5	1.2	1	0.8	0.7
<b>1250</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1
<b>1500</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
1750	22.1	10.7	6.9	5	3.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.6
2000	25.4	12.4	8	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	2
2250	28.6	14	9.1	6.7	5.2	4.2	3.5	3	2.6	2.3
2500	31.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4	4	3	2.6

**NOTES:** *More frequent pumping needed if garbage disposal is used.*

*These are suggested figures to extend the life of your system.*

*If funds were obtained using OSWAF, these figures are **required** and must be documented during the life of the loan.*

### **Ways to extend the life of your septic system:**

#### **1. Conserve Water.**

- \* Repair Leaks
- \* Space out your water usage
- \* Install water conserving fixtures

#### **2. Landscape Carefully.**

- \* Divert downspouts away from leach field
- \* Do not compact the soil by parking cars or equipment on the system
- \* Keep pavement, decks, pools, and building away from system
- \* Do not add fill dirt to your leach field

#### **3. Pump septic tank by using the table above.**

- \* Do not wait for your system to back up
- \* Do not add biological or chemical additives in place of cleaning
- \* When tank is pumped have baffles inspected
- \* Never enter a septic tank
- \* Install risers to ground surface for easier future cleaning

#### **4. Upgrade your system.**

- \* Just like the house, roof, furnace, & driveway septic systems require upgrades or possible replacement
- \* Expect to have to upgrade a properly designed septic system every 20 to 30 years