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The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) has developed a new Septic Systems web site located at

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/home.cfm>.

If you have bookmarked the Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems web site, please update your bookmarks to the new Septic Systems site.

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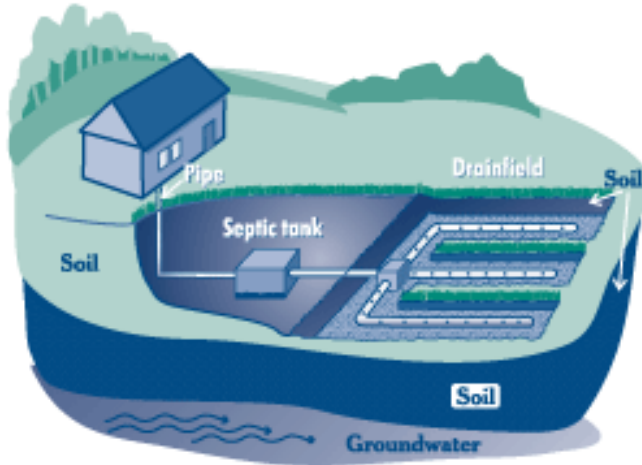
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Name	Septic System
Aliases	Onlot System On-Site System Individual Sewage Disposal System Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Cluster System



Discuss septic system issues with others from around the country.

Septic systems treat and disperse relatively small volumes of wastewater from individual or small numbers of homes and commercial buildings. Septic systems are regulated by state, tribal, and local authorities. EPA provides information to homeowners and assistance to state and local governments to improve the management of septic systems to prevent failures that could harm human health and water quality.

Some septic systems are regulated by EPA if they receive industrial or commercial wastes and/or they have the capacity to serve 20 or more people. More information about [septic systems regulated by EPA](#).

- [Homeowners](#) - Information to help homeowners understand the function and maintenance of their septic system.
 - [Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems](#) [PDF Format]
 - [Short Version of the Homeowner's Guide](#) [PDF Format]
 - [Homeowner Septic System Checklist](#) [PDF Format]

- [State and Local Government Officials](#) - Information on developing septic system management programs, funding sources, and new technologies.
 - [Voluntary Guidelines](#)
 - [Draft Management Handbook](#)
 - [Funding Sources](#)

- [Industry Professionals](#) - Information on septic system technologies and educating your customers.
 - [2002 Onsite Design Manual](#)
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- [Where You Live](#) - Guide to state and local septic requirements, including contacts, links, training centers and demonstration project information for your state.

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