

# NOTICE

## REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS IS NOW REQUIRED!!

**Fairfax County Code requires septic tank pump out every 5 years.**

*Chapter 68 of the Fairfax County Code requires that all owners have their septic tanks pumped out a minimum of once every 5 years and provide the Fairfax County Health Department with written notification within 10 days of pump out. You must send a copy of the receipt or manifest supplied to you by the pump out contractor to the Fairfax County Health Department.*

**How does pumping your septic tank every 3 to 5 years benefit you?**

**Pumping the septic tank regularly greatly reduces the need for costly repairs and may enhance the life of your sewage disposal system.**

*Accumulation of solids and grease in the drainfield is a primary cause of premature failure of the sewage disposal system. Pumping the septic tank every 3 to 5 years minimizes the amounts of sludge and grease that reach your drainfield.*

**Pumping the septic tank aids in the protection of groundwater and surface water resources from contamination due to failing sewage disposal systems.**

**If it becomes necessary to make repairs to your system, a permit from the Fairfax County Health Department is required.**

For further information or questions call  
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