

Septic Maintenance

This is Dave from Vilas County Zoning & Planning with some tips for keeping a healthy environment.

—

Septic systems are a green technology because they recharge local aquifers with treated wastewater. Here are some tips for using and maintaining your septic system so it functions properly and continues to protect the environment:

Fine particles from garbage disposals or coffee grounds can clog septic lines and cause the system to malfunction.

Items such as bleach, antibacterial soap, or old medications can kill the helpful bacteria that work inside your septic tank. Keep them out of your system if possible.

Do one load of laundry each day instead of doing multiple loads on the same day. This allows the settling process in your tank to be more effective.

Finally, pump your septic tank regularly. Vilas County has a maintenance program to make sure septic systems are serviced once every three years. Contact the Vilas County Zoning Department or go to www.vilascounityzoning.com for more information on keeping your septic system healthy and green.