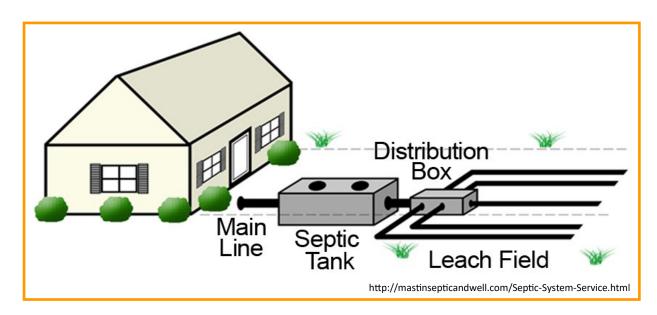
# What can you do to protect our river?

# **Home Septic Systems**

A failing septic system can negatively effect water quality!



# Septic Do's

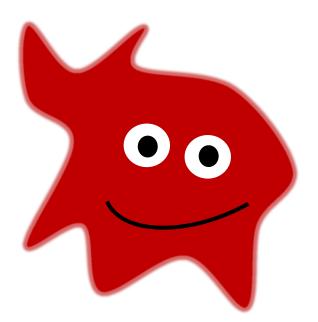
Inspect annually — don't wait till you have problem!

Pump out system as needed — pump every 3-5 yrs.

**Keep accurate records**— system location & maintenance records

Hire professionals— use certified septic technicians to help assess and fix septic issues

Pump every 3-5 yrs.



## **Septic Don'ts**

Drive vehicles over drain field
Don't dispose hot tub (spa)
water into your system
Only plant grass over your
septic system

### **Keep your GOOD bacteria happy!**

Bacteria in your septic system help break down waste. Avoid putting harmful chemicals down your drain that can kill these bacteria.

#### Need to replace a failing system?

Check with your local county
Health Department for assistance
with replacing your septic system.



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#### Not in my septic system!

- Fats and grease
- Sanitary napkins/ wipes, tampons or condoms
- Disposable Diapers
- Paper Towels or rags
- Coffee grounds, egg shells, nut shells,
- Motor oil or fuels
- Paints or chemicals
- **Cigarette Filters**

