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Septic Tank and Leaching Maintenance

- 1.) Pump septic tank every 3-5 years.
- 2.) Clean effluent filter every 6 months by removing and spraying off with water.
- 3.) Check distribution box or drop box every 6 months, and switch leach fields by switching PVC elbow to other leach line, if applicable.
- 4.) Always protect the drop box, distribution box, and risers from being damaged.
- 5.) Never place structures or damage the replacement area by excavating, planting trees, etc.
- 6.) Never use septic tank additives.
- 7.) Always divert surface water away from the septic tank/ aeration tank and leaching area.
- 8.) Make sure to renew a service contract with a registered service provider for maintenance of aeration system when it expires.
- 9.) Plant vegetation (grass) over leaching area to induce transpiration of liquid in leach field.
- 10.) Conserve water at all times to prevent failure of septic system.