

DO-IT-YOURSELF SEPTIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST:

Gravity Drainfield

- Assemble tools and materials needed for inspection (pg. 7-9 in the field guide)
- Review Safety Rules (pg. 10 of field guide or on website)
- Wear Protective Clothing. Do NOT Inspect Alone
- Remember, if you encounter problems, please STOP and Call a Professional

SEPTIC TANK QUESTIONS (pages 11-18 in the field guide)

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| Are the risers watertight with no visible leaks? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Are the risers free of cracks or visible damage? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Is the tank free of strong, overpowering odor? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Where is the liquid level in the tank? | <input type="checkbox"/> At Base of Outlet Pipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Above | <input type="checkbox"/> Below |
| Does the scum layer look like living, healthy soil? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Can you clearly see baffles above the scum layer? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Is the scum layer well below lid opening? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Are baffles free of clogs and leaks around the seals?
(If concrete—Is it intact and not corroded?) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Scum and Sludge Measurements

<u>Inlet</u>	<u>Outlet</u>
Scum = _____"	Scum = _____"
Sludge = _____"	Sludge = _____"
Total = _____"	Total = _____"

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| Did you clean the outlet baffle filter? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does your tank need pumping? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

GRAVITY DRAINFIELD QUESTIONS (pages 19-22 in the field guide)

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| Are there any strong odors? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Are there any mushy or swampy areas or surfacing effluent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Is there standing water inside the inspection port(s)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| If the system has a distribution box, is it accessible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Is the distribution box free of solid waste, scum and clogs? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Is the distribution box free from cracks and leaks? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |
| Does the effluent appear to be flowing evenly into all drain pipes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Present |

- Close up and Clean-up (page 23 in the field guide)
- All openings covered and lids secured
- Wash and sanitize all tools
- Wash your hands

- Submit inspection report (page 24 in the field guide)