

# Management Plan

## How Often to Pump a Septic Tank

Regular pumping of a septic tank will extend the life of your wastewater system and protect your drainfield. The table below provides recommendations for approximately how often you should have your septic tank pumped. For example, a 1,000 gallon septic tank, which is used by two people, should be pumped every 6 years. If there are eight people using a 1,000-gallon septic tank, it should be pumped every year. It is also a good idea to have the tank pumped just before a large gathering of people.

### Estimated Minimum Septic Pumping Frequencies in Years

Tank Size Gals.	Number of persons in household						
	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
1000 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	6 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	2 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	1 yr. <input type="checkbox"/>	1 yr. <input type="checkbox"/>
1250 <input type="checkbox"/>	16 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	7 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	5 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	2 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	2 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
1500 <input type="checkbox"/>	19 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	9 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	6 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	2 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
1750 <input type="checkbox"/>	22 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	11 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	7 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	5 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
2000 <input type="checkbox"/>	25 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	12 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	8 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	6 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
2250 <input type="checkbox"/>	27 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	14 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	9 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	7 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	5 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	3 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
2500 <input type="checkbox"/>	32 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	16 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	10 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	7 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	5 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	5 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>

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\_\_\_\_\_ agrees to have the  
(print applicant name)

septic tank located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(print address)

pumped at a minimum of once every \_\_\_\_\_ years according to the above  
Estimated Minimum Septic Pumping Frequencies in Years table, and will provide receipts to:

Bernalillo County Natural Resource Services  
111 Union Square St. SE, Suite 100  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Phone: (505) 314-0375  
Fax: (505) 462-9833

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

This form is incomplete unless the applicant's name is stated, the site address is stated, the minimum pumping frequency is stated, the form is signed and the date of the signature is written.