Your Septic System Questionnaire

	name: Date: Phone: Phone:		
Addr 1.	How far away is the municipal well from your septic system?		
1.	a. 0 to 50 metres		
	b. 50 to 100 metres		
	c. More than 100 metres		
	d. Not sure		
2.	You are located in a municipal wellhead protection area. Did you know this before the inspection?		
	a. Yes b. No		
3.	Do you have a private well on your property?		
	a. No.		
	b. Yes. It is a drilled well.		
	c. Yes. It is a dug well.		
	d. If you have a well, do you still use it? Yes No		
4.	What type of septic system do you have?		
	a. Holding tank		
	b. Conventional (tank + tile bed)		
	c. Advanced (tertiary) system		
	d. Privy/ outhouse		
5.	How often do you have your septic tank pumped?		
	a. Never		
	b. Every three to five years		
	c. Every six to 10 years		
	d. More than every 10 years		
6.	How old is your septic system?		
	a years. b. Not sure.		
7.	Before this inspection, did you know the location, size, and age of your septic system?		
	a. Yes b. No		
8.	Which of the following practices do you (or your family) follow? (Choose all that apply)		
	a. Inspecting the septic tank frequently		
	b. Not putting harsh chemicals in the septic tank		
	c. Putting only biodegradable items in the septic tank		
	d. Having the septic tank pumped every three to five years		
	e. Conserving water use in the residence		
	f. Keeping detailed records of the septic system's location, care, and maintenance		
9.	What are some of the signs that a septic system is no longer working correctly?		
	a. Sewage backs up in the drains and toilets		
	b. Unpleasant smelling liquid on or around the septic tank or drain field		
	c. Slow flushing or draining of the toilets, sinks, bathtubs, or showers		
	d. Unpleasant odors from plumbing		
	e. Unusually lush, green grass over the drain field		
10.	In the past, has your septic system ever experienced problems, or have you ever noticed signs that y septic system is failing?		
	a. No. b. Yes:		

11.	If you rent your property, are the tenants aware that septic systems require special care?	Therefore all you do	
	a. Yes b. No	Thank you for all you do	
12.	Are your regular visitors and family aware that septic	to maintain your septic system	
	systems require special care?	in order to protect your community's	
	a. Yes b. No	sources of drinking water.	
13.	What is the most likely cause of septic failure?	sources of driftking water.	
	a. Old age	Please share your comments or suggestions	
	b. Overuse	with us.	
	c. Plugged tile bed	Your feedback helps us to improve this	
	d. Improper installation	program.	
	e. Other:		
14.	What can be safely planted over the septic system?	Do you have any suggestions for how we	
	a. Nothing	can improve our program?	
	b. Trees		
	c. Grass		
	d. Garden		
15.	What could happen if bacteria from a septic system (such as <i>E. coli O157:H7</i>) ended up in drinking water?		
	a. People could get sick or even die.	Any other comments?	
	b. Not sure.		
16.	How would you most like to receive information		
	about septic system care and maintenance?		
	a. Printed brochure or newsletter		
	b. Electronic newsletter or email		
	c. Internet		
	d. Workshop, meeting, or open house		
	e. Other		
17.	Would you be interested in attending a septic social		
	to observe a septic system pump-out and learn more a		
10	a. Yes b.	No	
18.	Which municipal wellhead protection area are you in?a.Zone A (within 100 metres of the well)b.	Zone B (two-year time-of-travel)	
	a. Zone A (within 100 metres of the weir) b.		
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