

Your Septic System Questionnaire

Your name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

1. How far away is the municipal well from your septic system?

- 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 your septic system is failing?

- a. No.
- b. Yes: _____

