

Recommended Septic Tank Pumping Frequency

(Minimum Capacity is 1000 gallons)

Household size (number of people)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
Tank Size	Duration (in years) Between Pumpings and/or Inspections								
500	5.8	2.6	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
750	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4
900	11.0	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7
1000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
1250	15.6	7.5	4.8	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.2
1500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5
1750	22.1	10.7	6.9	5.0	3.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9
2000	25.4	12.4	8.1	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2
2250	28.6	14.0	9.1	6.7	5.2	4.2	3.5	3.0	2.6
2500	31.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4.0	3.5	3.0

Estimated Septic Tank Pumping Frequencies in Years (Source: Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service)