



# Use of Additives

## Will System Additives Reduce the Number of Pump-outs Needed?

- While some manufacturers claim that biological additives enhance treatment and reduce the number of pump-outs your system will need, research indicates that biological enzymes and other “miracle” system additives do not improve septic system functioning. The amount of bacteria or enzyme in each dose of additive is so small, that its effectiveness is virtually undetectable
- Using additives to avoid pumping may cause even bigger problems. Without proper pump-outs, solids will flow into and clog the drain field, resulting in an expensive repair process
- Some enzymes re-suspend solids that have settled, causing those solids to be carried over to the drain field

**There is no quick fix or substitute for proper operation and regular maintenance**