

PUMPING FREQUENCY WORKSHEET

Cleaning Frequency Worksheet

How often a septic tank needs to be cleaned depends on the tank's design and the way it is used. In this worksheet, factors that increase the cleaning frequency **effects** and factors that reduce cleaning frequency are called **credits**. The frequency guideline calculated with this worksheet should be used along with the con observed when the tank is cleaned, by your local NHASH professional, to decide when the tank will next need cleaning.

EFFECTS FACTORS

Enter 10 points for waste water that enters the septic system from each of these appliances

• Water softener or water filter	_____
• Garbage disposal	_____
• Dishwasher and or automatic clothes washer	_____

Enter 10 points if you have:

• An in-home business, such as daycare or beauty shop	_____
• More than 4 overnight guests at a time, several times per year	_____
• Laundry pattern of doing 3 or more loads in 1 day	_____

Enter 10 points if your septic tank is smaller than the size given for the size of your house

house size	tank capacity
2-3 bedrooms	1000 gallons
4-5 bedrooms	1500 gallons
6-7 bedrooms	1750 gallons
8-9 bedrooms	2000 gallons

Enter the points indicated if the last cleaning was

	points
1-2 years ago	0
3-5 years ago	5
7-10 years ago	10
10+ years ago	12

Enter 10 points if your septic tank is smaller than the size given for the size of your house

house size	# of people	load	
2 bedrooms	_____ - 3 =	_____	} x 3 (subtract if negative)
3 bedrooms	_____ - 4 =	_____	
4 bedrooms	_____ - 5 =	_____	
5 bedrooms	_____ - 6 =	_____	
6 bedrooms	_____ - 7 =	_____	
7 bedrooms	_____ - 8 =	_____	

Total Effects

Points for each Factor

CREDITS FACTORS

Enter 10 points if you:

• Use a suds-saving or front-loading clothes washer, or do 4 or fewer loads spread throughout the week
• Have 2 full size septic tanks, or 1 tank with 150% or more of the capacity required for your house.

Enter 6 points if you:

• Are ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE in your water use.
• Use low-volume toilets (3 gallons or less per flush)
• Use low flow shower heads.
• Have only 1 or 2 people in the house who each bathe fewer than 5 times per week
• Have no one at home for 10 hours or more most days

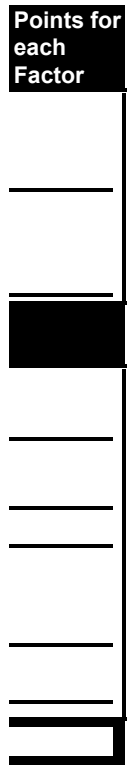
Total Credits

Enter your effects and credits in this equation to c: how often your septic tank should be cleaned.

$$36 - \text{Effects} + \text{Credits} =$$

Effects Credits

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