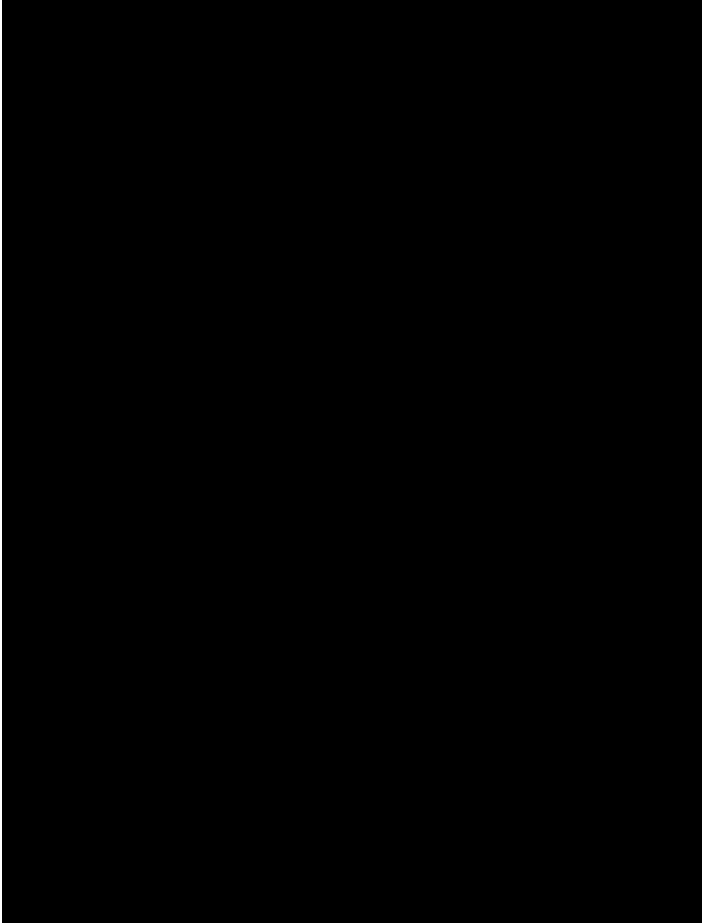


GUIDANCE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS BEFORE,  
DURING, AND AFTER WINTER WEATHER



Check for any water pooling near the  
drain field

🔧 If you hear water constantly running into a pump tank or the pump turning on and off your system may be frozen.

🔧 If your septic system cannot be repaired, contact a septic system service professional

🔧 Always contact a septic system service professional for an inspection after winter ends.

🔧 If you experienced issues with your septic system freezing contact a septic system service professional

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## 🔧 OTHER SYSTEMS

Only use a temporary toilet if there are no functioning toilets available and the winter weather is expected to last several days.

Check to see if you can stay somewhere else. Contract a PortaPotty for temporary use.

Modify your own toilet:

Shut off the water valve

Flush out any water still in the bowl.  
Line your toilet bowl

Into the inner bag, put some kitty litter, dry peat moss, lime, or something similar

Do not mix urine and fecal material

After using the toilet, close the inner plastic bag

Wash or sanitize your hands

Store full bags in a secure area.

Dispose of the bags when possible.  
Use a five-gallon bucket as a toilet.

If you must dig a hole for your waste, make sure it's at least 200 feet