GUIDANCE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A FLOOD



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Background

This resource provides guidance for septic system users before, during, and after a food. Understanding your septic system type, location, and components before a food occurs will make this guide more useful. Please visit neha.org to access educational resources for septic system users.

Safety Reminders

Get help from a septic system service professional for steps with this gma Vc^{*}......Wti 'Wb' bX'gYdhJWgmghYa service professionals through local \YU'h\ XYdUfha YbhgžXYdUfha Ybhg'cZ Ybj Jfcba YbhU'ei U'JhnžXYdUfha Ybhg' cZ'bUhi fU'fYgci fWgžcf'i b]j Yfg]hm extension services.

Make sure you turn off power to h\Y`gYdh]WgnghYa "UbX`U```WcfXg'UfY' i bd`i [[YX`VYZcfY`]bgdYWh]b[`h\Y`UfYU"' H\YfY`]g`XUb[Yf`cZY`YWhf]WU`g\cV<u>V</u>`UbX` XUa U[Y`hc`nci f`gYdh]WgnghYa "

K YUF'fi VVYf'[`cjYg'UbX'YnY' protection when inspecting septic system components. Wash your \UbXg'h\cfci [\`nžh\fck 'Uk Um[`cjYgž UbX'k Ug\'UbmWcbhUa]bUhYX'Wch\Yg' k \Yb'Z]b]g\YX'''

Steps with a only apply to pressure X]ghf]Vi h]cbˈɡmɡhYa g"

Get help from a septic system service professional if any of the steps feel unsafe in your situation or if your system loses power.

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Before the Flood

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- Take photos of the Webby Wijcbg UbX graphYa Weadob Yb grift 'YgY d\chcg'k]``VY \Y`dZi ``]ZWeadob Yb grift '`VY '\Y`dZi ``]ZWeadob Yb grift '`VY '\Y`dZi ``]ZWeadob Yb grift '`UbX mci 'bYYX hc fYd`UW h\Ya 'cf' `Y']bgi fUbW 'WU]ag''AU_Y gi fY mci f' d\chcg'UbX#cf XcW/aYb hg']bWi XY.

Septic tank location GYdh]WgnghYa 'fYWtfXg'cf'XfUk]b[g Electrical components

- Make sure the land around the manhole covers is sloped downwards so that

During the Flood

- Follow emergency and evacuation advice for your area.

- Eliminate all non-essential water use UbX⁺ i g\ 'hc]`Yhg'Ug``]hh`Y`Ug'dcgg]V`Y`]Z' Yj UW/Uh]cb`]g'bch'bYYXYX'''

- If the drain f eld becomes covered with water, do not use the system UbX^{*}Uj c]X^{*} WtbHUWrik]h\ 'UbmigHUbX]b['k UhYf h\ Uh'a UmWtbHU]b'gYk U[Y"'

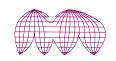
- Try to f nd other toilets if your septic system is damaged. Zh\YfY`UfY`bc` Zi bWgcb]b[`hc]`Yhg`Uj U]`UV`Y`gYY`h\Y`[i]XUbWf`cb`hYa dcfUfmhc]`Yhg`VY`ck "

- Reduce water use i bh]`h\Y`gnghYa `]g`]bgdYVMYX`UbX`fYdU]fYX"
 - Avoid sending basement sump pump water into the septic system. Re-route water from roof gutters Uk UmZfca "h\Y XfU]b ZJY X"
 - Take short showers
 - Limit laundry and dishwashing
 - Turn off the water k \]`Y`Vfi g\]b['hYYh\žg\Uj]b[žcf`f]bg]b[`X]g\Yg

OTHER SYSTEMS

SOURCES

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