

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









## Before the Winter

Know and document all components

Check for and repair any leaking plumbing fixtures.

- Let the grass in your lawn get longer
- Consider wrapping your pipes with heat tape

Make sure the land around the manhole covers is sloped downwards

- Avoid compacting the soil around the system.
  - Check with a septic system service professional before doing any landscaping
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## During the Winter

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

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# Professional System Inspection



## Temporary Toilets

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

Modify your own toilet:

y 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

Avoid mixing urine and fecal material if possible.

After using the toilet, close the inner plastic bag

Wash or sanitize your hands







