

Signs Of Septic System Failure

Recognizing the signs before your system is in full failure may help you extend the life of your septic system and avoid backups into your home.

Some signs of failure can be:

- **Slow Drains and Toilets:**

Slow drains and gurgling sounds may be a sign that your septic system is in trouble. Septic problems associated with slow drains include blockages from solids, tree root obstructions, or a blockage within the septic pipes. In-pipe blockages are typically caused by excessive wastewater being flushed into the system, causing sludge from the holding tank to find its way into the drain field.

- **Sewage Backing Up into the Home:**

The most obvious sign that your septic system is failing is sewage backing up in the home through the toilets, drains, and sinks. In case of extreme failure, sewage may seep up to the surface of the ground around the tank or drain field.

- **Changes Around the Septic Tank or Drain Field:**

While people often think dead or dying grass is an indicator of poor septic system health, the most common visual indicator that something is wrong with your septic system is the sudden appearance of lush, green grass around the tank or drain field. This is caused by effluent (i.e., wastewater) seeping into the areas surrounding the septic. Effluent is a powerful fertilizer due to the concentrated levels of nitrate and phosphate it contains. If your grass is suddenly greener, your system may have a leak – or worse – that needs to be tended to.

Frequent inspection and good maintenance of your septic tank system can help prolong the life of your system and avoid major issues.

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