

# THE RISKS OF DRIVING OVER YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM



It is never a good idea to park, drive or build over your septic tank and/or drain field. Driving over a drain field can cause the drainage pipes to crack, and create leaks throughout the system. Leaks can cause the soil to collapse around the pipes, and cracks in the pipes will allow roots to invade the system which can cause extensive damage.

It is never recommended to build any structure, such as decks, patios, driveways or home additions over your septic system. Your septic system needs to be accessible for future maintenance and/or repairs. To avoid potential issues, it's important to know the location of your septic system and take precautions to prevent damage.



## Damage from driving, parking over your Septic System may also include:

- Crushed leach field pipes
- Soil compaction in drain field
- Broken supply lines
- Collapse of septic tank

Be aware of the layout of your property and avoid driving vehicles or heavy equipment, such as a lawn mower, over the septic tank and drain field areas.

