

Your septic tank is designed to hold a specific amount of wastewater depending upon its size and capacity.

Excess water can compromise the effective process of the septic tank, as well as flood the drainfield. Too much water can also harm the bacteria in your tank reducing the effectiveness in breaking down solids.

Excess Water Usage & Your Septic System

Causes of Excess Water Can Be:

- **Storm Runoff:** This happens when your yard cannot absorb water from heavy rains, and the excess water ends up in your septic tank. The problem may be due to poor soil draining capacity or inadequate yard slope.
- **Leaky Toilet or Faucet:** Sometimes, it takes one leaking or dripping faucet or toilet to add to a lot of water wastage over time. For example, a leaky faucet can use thousands of gallons annually, and if that water ends up in your septic tank, it can cause an overflow. So look out for any leaking or dripping fixtures and have a professional fix the issues as soon as possible.
- **Garbage Disposal:** While garbage disposal ensures easier and faster food waste disposal, too much usage of this system adds to the wastewater getting into your septic tank. Therefore, use your garbage disposal system in moderation.
- **Washing Machine:** If you are on a septic system, use your washing machine wisely to avoid an overflow. For example, try to do full loads instead of several small loads and adjust the water level accordingly.
- **Guests:** If you are having a lot of visitors over, be mindful of how the visitors use the plumbing in your home. For example, flushing multiple times can lead to the septic system overflowing. If you are expecting a large group, you may incorporate portable toilets and invest in septic system inspection and repairs before the arrival of guests.