



BEFORE PURCHASING A HOUSE WITH A SEPTIC SYSTEM:

- Real Estate and Mortgage companies often require inspection and certification prior to funding. Most appraisals and inspections do not include a septic system check. California residents who live in areas where the homeowner is responsible for individual water treatment must install and maintain a septic system that adheres to guidelines set forth by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Resources Board (OWTS) Onsite Wastewater Treatment System policy.
- Know the age of the septic system. You can request a plot map from the county to show the location of the tank and the age. Most septic tanks last between 25-30 years depending on usage and routine maintenance.
- All buyers of new homes should always have a thorough real estate septic system inspection before purchasing a home to ensure the health, longevity and any past known defects. Failing to inspect the septic tank could cost thousands of dollars after you own the property.