


Safety Reminders

Get help from a septic system service professional for steps with this symbol .

Steps with a  only apply to pressure distribution systems.

Get help from a septic system service professional if any of the steps feel unsafe in your situation or your system loses power.

Make sure power to the septic system is off before inspecting the area.

Be careful walking near a damaged system.

Wait to enter damaged structures until they are cleared by a trained inspector.

Wear gloves and eye protection when inspecting your septic system.

Never enter the pump chamber or septic tank.



Before the Earthquake

- Septic tank location.
- Septic system records or drawings.
- Electrical components.




During the Earthquake

After the Earthquake

-  The manhole and tank covers may be damaged or missing.  If the entire building is contaminated, abandon the building until all affected areas have been cleaned. A septic system service professional should be contacted to inspect and repair the system if it was flooded.



 Be on the alert for changes in how appliances drain, wet or unusually green spots in your yard, odors from your system, activated alarm lights and buzzers, and/or a change in sounds from mechanical components. Contact a septic system service professional if any of these issues occur.

- until the system is inspected:

-
-
-

to the toilet. If you can't close it, try another option.

(under the seat) with a plastic kitchen garbage bag inside of another kitchen bag.

that will absorb liquid.

if possible.

with a plastic tie or other method. after toilet use and waste handling.

Consider a watertight bucket or trashcan.

- You can add a toilet seat and set it up like a modified toilet (above).
-

(70 adult steps) from water bodies and at least six inches deep. Fill it in after a single use, tamp the dirt down. This is a short-term option only and regulations may vary by jurisdiction.