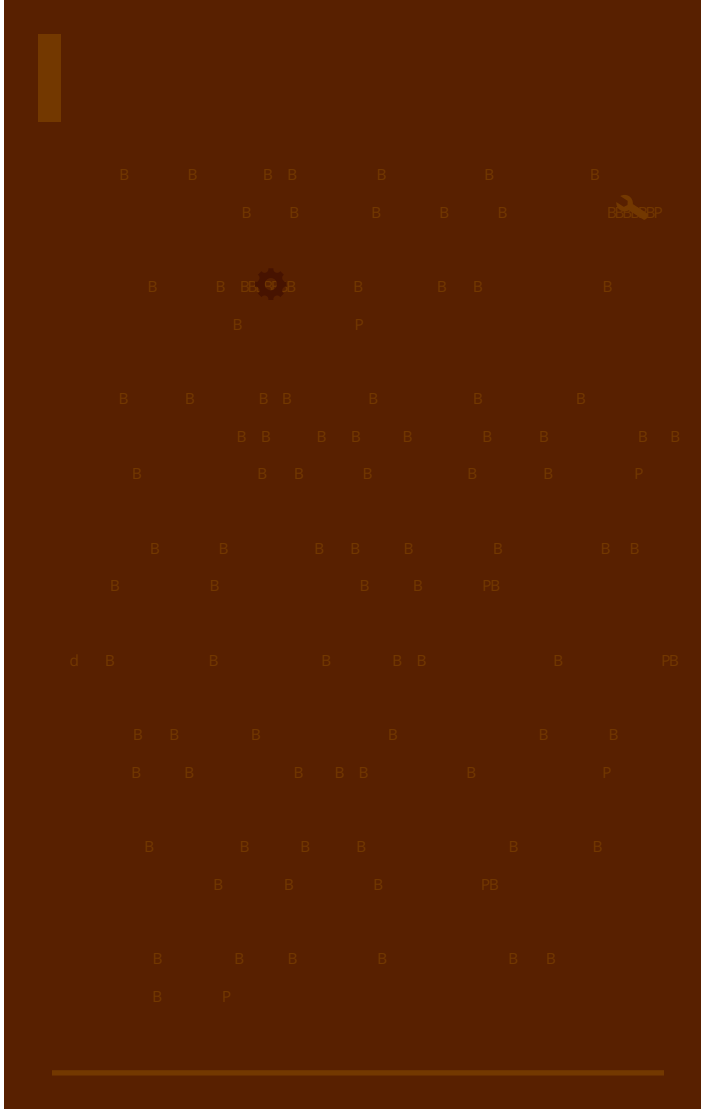


GUIDANCE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A FLOOD

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BOB Make sure the land around the manhole covers is sloped downwards B B B

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BO Turn off electricity to the system B B

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BOB Turn off your pump at the circuit box B B B

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BOB After the power is off, waterproof all electrical connections.

BO Plug all drains in the basement.

BOB Reduce water use B B P

BOB Seal the manhole and inspection ports if possible B B B B PB

CE Follow emergency and evacuation advice B B

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CE Eliminate all non-essential water use B B

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CE If the drain field becomes covered with water, do not use the system B B B B B

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CE Try to find other toilets if your septic system is damaged. B B B B B NB B B

B B B B P

Take these steps to reduce the effects of an

Temporarily use the septic system as a holding tank.

Do not have the septic tank pumped under flooded conditions.

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Avoid using the system and do not dig around the septic tank

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Reduce water use

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Avoid sending basement sump pump water into the septic system.

Re-route water from roof gutters

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Take short showers.

Limit laundry and dishwashing.

Turn off the water

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Do not flush the toilet

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Only use a temporary toilet if there are no functioning toilets available and the food is expected to last several days.

Check to see if you can stay somewhere else.

Contract a PortaPotty for temporary use.

Modify your own toilet:

Shut off the water valve

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Flush out any water still in the bowl.

Line your toilet bowl

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Into the inner bag, put some kitty litter, dry peat moss, lime, or something similar

B B B P

Do not mix urine and fecal material

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After using the toilet, close the inner plastic bag

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Wash or sanitize your hands

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Store full bags in a secure area.

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Dispose of the bags when possible.

Use a five-gallon bucket as a toilet.

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If you must dig a hole for your waste, make sure it's at least 200 feet

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