

## Maintaining Your Septic System

Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank pumping firm a call this spring. To prolong the life of your system, follow these tips from MSU Extension.

**Pump your septic tank regularly,** usually once every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure. Signs of failure include: odors, plumbing or septic tank backups, and gurgling sounds in the pumping system.

**Stay away from additives.** Their benefits have not been demonstrated, and some may actually harm your system and contaminate groundwater.

