



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

Septic Tank 30 Second PSA

Septic tanks are used where municipal sewers are not available and maintenance is important.

Failing septic tank systems can endanger your family, pollute the environment, and be expensive to repair. You can prevent your system from failing by having your tank pumped every 3 to 5 years, keeping a separate container for grease and disposing of it properly, using detergents low in phosphates, and spreading laundry loads over several days as to not overload the system with too much water.

This is State Health Officer Doctor Scott Harris. For more information visit [w-w-w dot Alabama public health dot gov](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov).

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