

Why should I Worry About a Failing Septic System?

Failing septic systems can cause numerous negative effects to human health and the environment. Failing septic systems are the most frequently reported sources of groundwater contamination in the United States. Bacteria, viruses, and parasites are the types of pathogens in wastewater and are hazardous to humans. These pathogens may be transported rapidly to nearby drinking water supplies or surface waters.

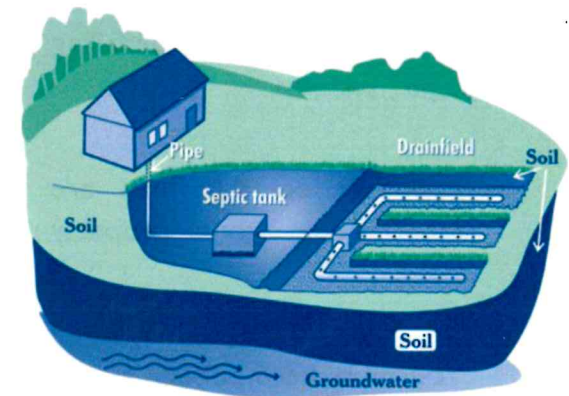
A properly working septic system is an effective way to treat wastewater and prevent possible health concerns.

Please contact either the Redwood County Environmental Office, or the Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District to find out how we can help you replace a failing septic system.

Indicators your septic system is failing

- Backup of sewage in the home
- Decreased drain flow in toilets, showers, and sinks
- Unpleasant odors in the home
- High solids accumulation in your septic tank
 - If you have not pumped your tank in the last 10 years, chances are your system is failing
- Water accumulating in the leach field
- Extremely vibrant patches of green vegetation on your drain field
- Sewage smell outside the house

Redwood County Environmental Office



Financial Assistance Available for Replacing Septic Systems



Financial Assistance Programs:

County Loan Program

Redwood County offers a loan to replace prohibited or failing septic systems.

Payments on this loan are assessed on your property taxes.

You must have enough equity in your house to cover the cost of the loan and also have no outstanding taxes due.

Interest Rate: 3.5 %

Term: 5 or 10 year

Other Fees

\$115 septic permit

\$110 administration fee

\$46 recording fee

County Low Income Grant

The Redwood County Environmental Office has a Low Income Grant which will cover up to 75% of replacing a prohibited or failing septic system.

Limited funds are available and will be rewarded on a first come first serve basis.

To Qualify:

Household income must not exceed 290% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Maximum Income	\$34,452	\$46,458	\$58,464	\$70,470	\$82,476

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Soil and Water Conservation District Loan Program

The Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District offers loans to replace prohibited or failing septic systems.

This loan is serviced through a bank of your choice. Your payments will be made to the bank.

You are required to receive a minimum of two bids for your project.

Interest Rate: 3.0 %

Origination fee: 0.5%

Term: 5 or 10 year

Other Fees: \$200 Septic Permit

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