

Instructions on cleaning a septic tank filter:

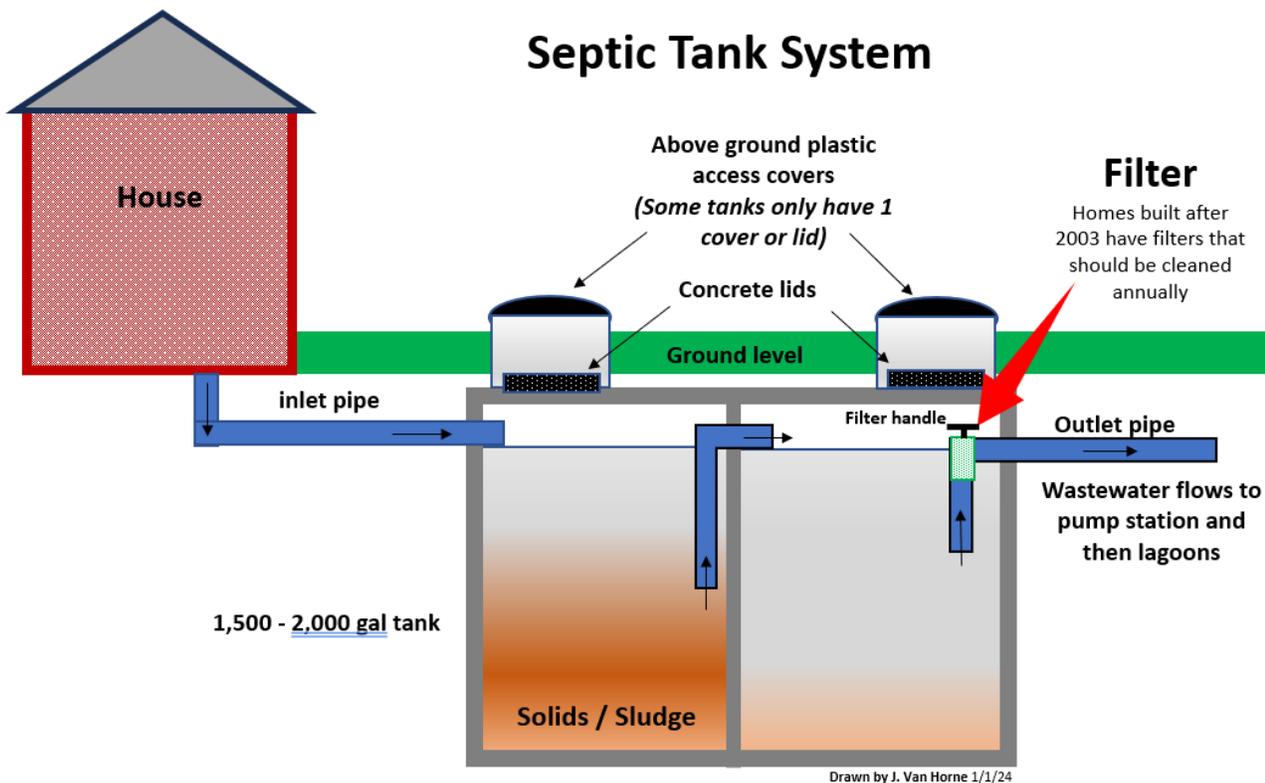
Homes built after 2003 have a septic tank filter. The septic filter should be cleaned annually to ensure your tank continues to drain.

Step 1: Remove the plastic access cover to the outlet side of the septic tank and then remove the concrete lid from the top of the tank. Note: The lid is heavy and can weight 20-30 lbs.

Step 2: If your tank has a filter, you should be able to see the filter handle sticking up out of the top of the drain pipe. Reach into the top of the tank and slowly pull the filter up by the handle and out of the tank. Note: The filter handle will be above the liquid level in the tank. See photo at bottom.

Step 3: Use a garden hose to spray and rinse the filter until no more waste on it. Try not to spray near or toward people to prevent waste from landing on them.

Step 4: Once the filter is rinsed clean, insert it back in the drain pipe and set the concrete lid back on top of the tank. Then place the plastic access cover back in its original position.



Important note: All tanks drain off the top of the tank. A recently pumped tank will be full of liquid after just 7-14 days. A tank that is full is not a problem unless it is overflowing.

The solids in septic tanks are pumped every 4 years by the HOA. Mfgs recommend pumping every 3-5 years



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