

SEASONAL SEPTIC MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Year-Round Care & Heavy Rain Readiness Guide

Homeowner Name: _____

Septic Service Provider: _____

System Type / Size: _____

Last Tank Pump Date: _____

SPRING: INSPECTION & FLOOD PREP

- ☐ **Inspect Drain Field Soil:** Check for soggy spots, squishy turf, or standing wastewater as snow melts and spring rain begins.
- ☐ **Clear Downspouts & Runoff:** Ensure roof gutters and surface runoff discharge at least 10–15 feet away from the tank and leach field.
- ☐ **Inspect Risers & Lids:** Check that tank covers and inspection risers are securely sealed against surface rainwater infiltration.
- ☐ **Treat with BioForce:** Flush 1 packet of BioForce Bacterial Waste Liquefier down the primary toilet to rejuvenate biological activity after winter.

FALL: PRE-STORM & WINTERIZING

- ☐ **Schedule Professional Service:** Have a licensed technician inspect sludge/scum levels and clean the effluent baffle filter (if applicable).
- ☐ **Clear Fallen Leaves & Debris:** Prevent clogged drainage pathways around the drain field so heavy autumn rains drain freely.
- ☐ **Pump Tank if Overdue:** If the tank hasn't been pumped in 3–5 years, schedule a service before heavy fall rains and winter ground freezes.
- ☐ **Monthly BioForce Application:** Flush 1 packet of BioForce to keep lines free of grease buildup prior to winter.

SUMMER: HEAVY USAGE & CONSERVATION

- ☐ **Monitor High Household Water Use:** Stagger laundry loads and avoid simultaneous dishwasher/washing machine runs.
- ☐ **Keep Heavy Equipment Off:** Ensure lawnmowers, vehicles, and temporary structures (above-ground pools, sheds) stay off the leach field.
- ☐ **Check Landscaping Roots:** Ensure deep-rooted trees or invasive shrubs are not encroaching on underground tank or line components.
- ☐ **Monthly BioForce Boost:** Maintain 1 packet/month of BioForce to process organic solids during high water flow periods.

WINTER: FREEZE PROTECTION & CARE

- ☐ **Maintain Snow Cover / Insulation:** Allow normal snow insulation over the drain field; do not compact snow by driving or walking over it.
- ☐ **Fix Plumbing Leaks Immediately:** Dripping faucets or trickle leaks in toilets can freeze pipes and overload the septic tank.
- ☐ **Avoid Chemical Overuse:** Limit harsh chemical bleach or drain cleaners that kill beneficial waste-digesting bacteria.
- ☐ **Monthly BioForce Maintenance:** Apply 1 packet of BioForce down the toilet to maintain active bacterial digestion.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL: HEAVY RAIN & FLOODING READINESS

BEFORE / DURING THE STORM:

- ☐ Drastically restrict indoor water usage (postpone laundry & showers).
- ☐ DO NOT pump the tank during active flooding (prevents hydrostatic tank float/pop).

POST-STORM RECOVERY:

- ☐ Allow 24–48 hours for groundwater levels to recede before heavy water use.
- ☐ Flush BioForce Bacterial Waste Liquefier to reseed washed-out bacteria colonies.

 **Pro-Tip: BioForce Bacterial Waste Liquefier Maintenance**
Heavy rainfall flushes away essential bacteria required to digest solids and grease. Monthly application of **BioForce Bacterial Waste Liquefier** keeps pipes open, neutralizes sewer odors, liquefies sludge, and prevents field line clogging.

Seasonal Septic Maintenance & Heavy Rain Preparedness Guide • Keep this checklist near your main electrical panel or utility room.