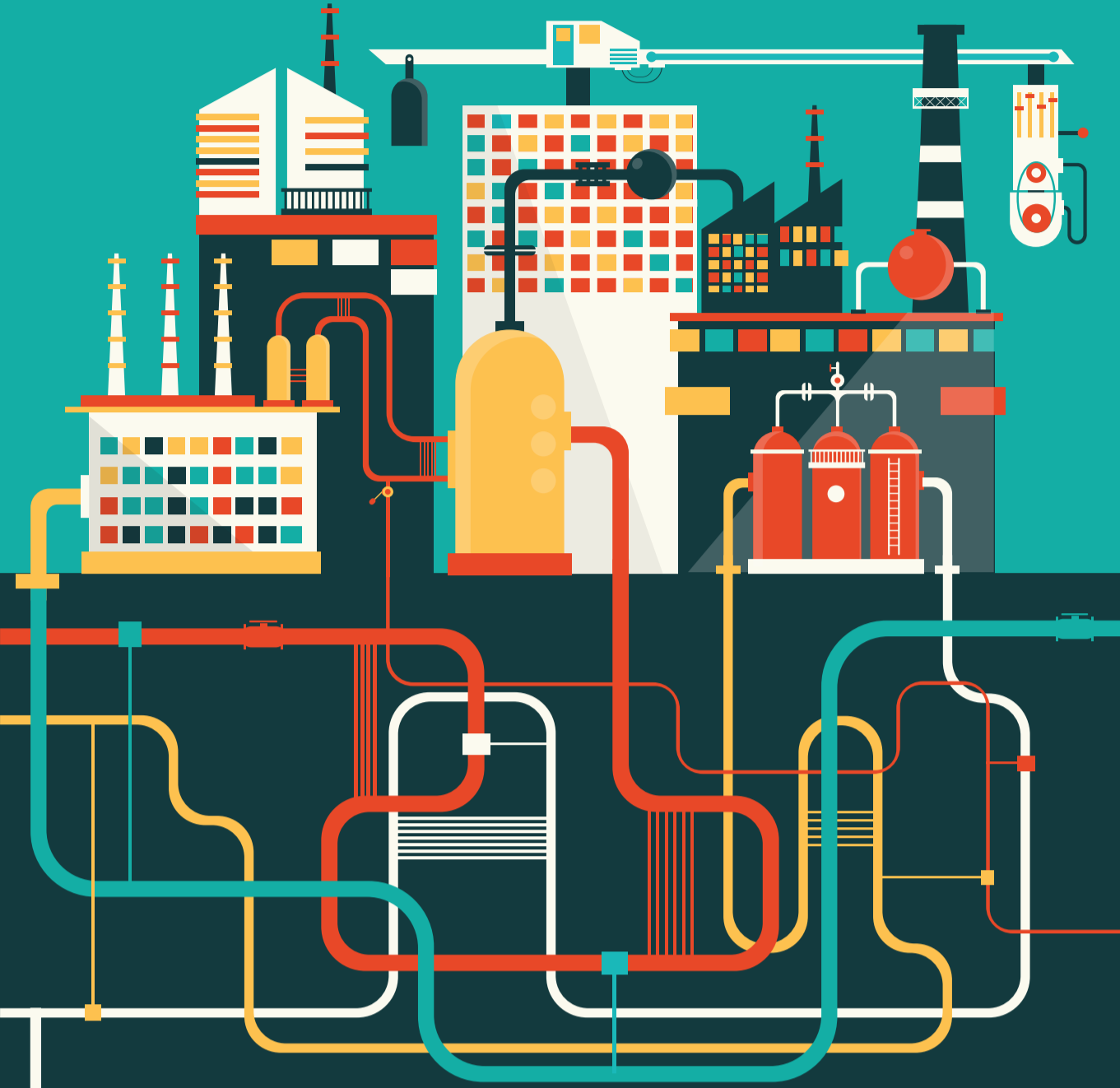


# Tips for Proper SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Your septic system usually isn't the first thing on your mind – until something goes wrong. In order to avoid problems and the expensive cost to repair or replace a septic system, it's important to properly maintain it. Appropriate maintenance not only saves you money, but is also vital for the health of your family and the environment.



## Use water efficiently

The more water your household **conserves**, the less water that enters the septic system.

## Inspect and pump frequently

Depending on the size of the septic tank, the number of people occupying the house, and whether or not you have a garbage disposal.

FRANC recommends you have your septic tank pumped every **1-3 years**.

## Know your service provider

Make sure you have a **trusted** provider, like FRANC Environmental.

**PRO TIP:** Keep your provider's number in your cell phone and on your fridge in case of emergencies!

## Keep chemicals out of your system

Never put chemicals like **paint, gasoline, oil, pesticides** or **antifreeze** down the toilet or drains.

## Don't use septic system additives

These products may not help your septic tank, and in some cases, may even **hurt** it.

## Maintain your drainfield

Don't plant anything except grass around your septic system, don't park or drive over your drainfield, and don't build anything over the drainfield.

## Your septic tank is not a **TRASH CAN**

Objects that will not decompose should not be flushed down the toilet: **paper towels, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts**, etc.

## Know specifics about the septic tank when **BUYING** or **SELLING** a home

Use a trusted, professional service provider like FRANC Environmental to inspect the septic system before selling or purchasing a home.

## Think at the sink

**Greases, fats and coffee grinds** should not go down the kitchen sink. Additionally, you should eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.

## Keep a record of your annual septic tank inspections and service

FRANC Environmental provides customers with reminders to have your septic tank inspected and/or pumped every one to three years depending on your system.