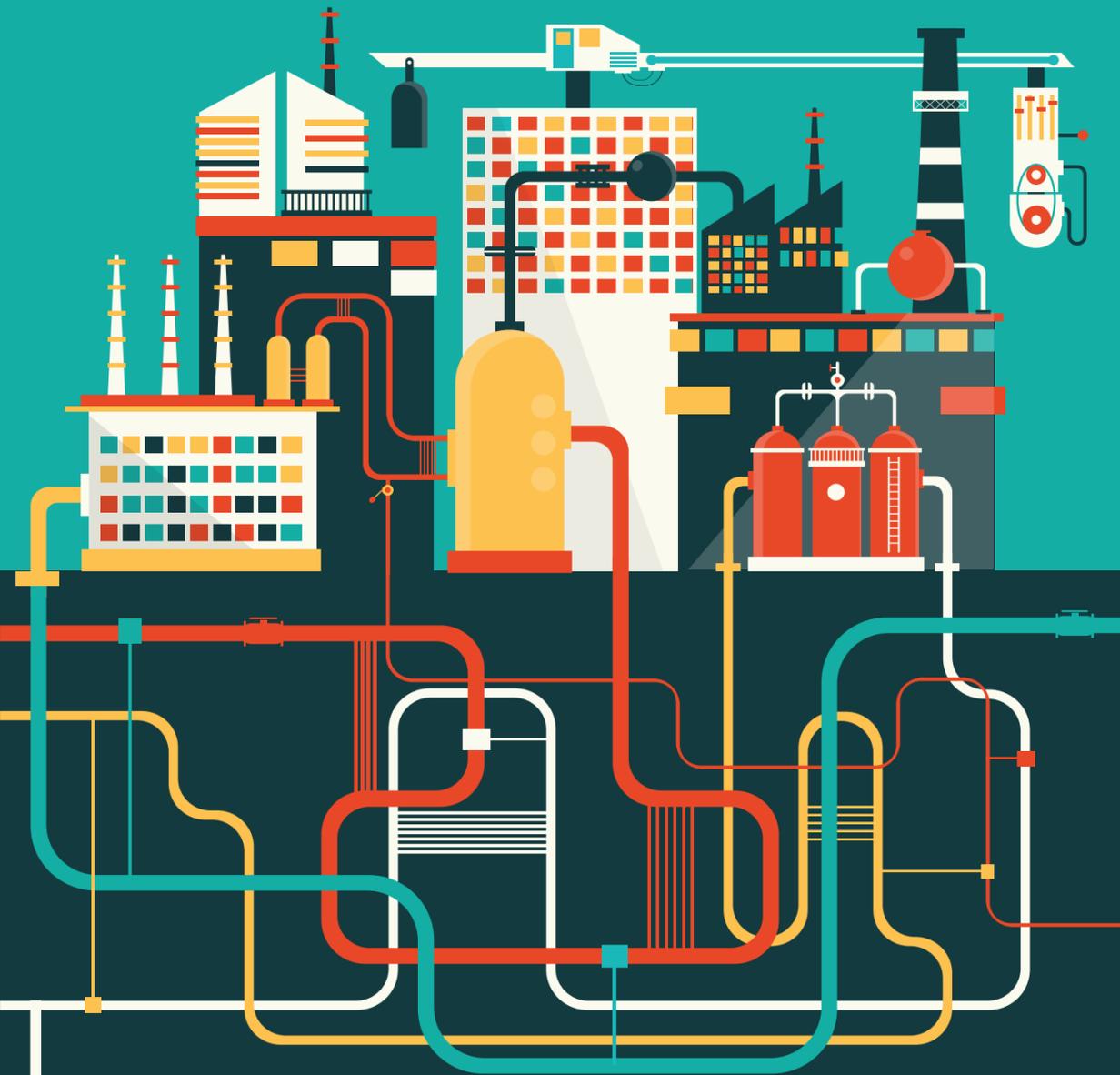


Tips for Proper SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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.