

NORTH FORK PAYETTE RIVER WATERSHED COALITION WORK GROUP:



Wastewater Management



TOP PRIORITIES

- FIXING PLRWSO POND LINER LEAK
- SLRWSO BUILDING A SEWER TREATMENT PLANT.
- REINSTATE PUMP OUT PROGRAM.
- EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON SEPTIC TANK USE AND MAINTENANCE.
- ALL CAMP SITES HAVE PORTA POTTIES/VAULT TOILETS AND DUMPSTERS ON SITE.
- ALL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEQ.
- TRACE WHERE THE HUMAN WASTE IS COMING FROM.



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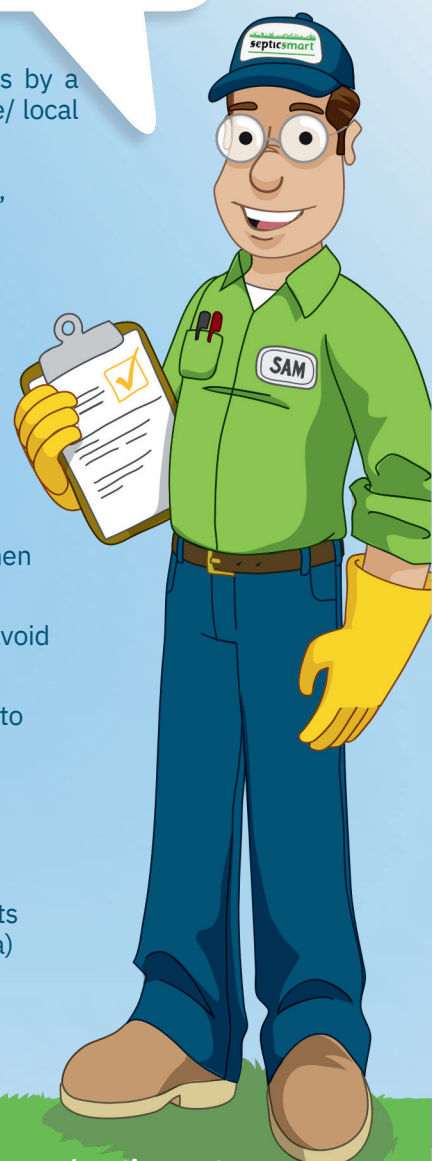
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Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/ local health department's recommendations
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)



For more SepticSmart tips, visit www.epa.gov/septicSMART
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IDEAL OUTCOME:

Fixing PLRWSD pond liner leak

TOP PRIORITY:

- Repair of the pond liner is scheduled to be completed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE LEAKING LINER AND PROVIDE UPDATES TO VSWCD.
- STAR NEWS FOLLOW UP ARTICLE TO "SEWER DISTRICT IN STUDY POND LINER REPAIRS".

ACTION ITEMS:

- MONITOR PROGRESS AND HELP KEEP THE PROGRAM ON TRACK.

IDEAL OUTCOME:

SLRWSD building a sewer treatment plant.

TOP PRIORITY:

- Provide support for the "Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Technical Assistance Initiative".

IDEAL OUTCOME:

Reinstate pump out program as a "stop gap" measure for SLRWSD

TOP PRIORITY:

- To stop wastewater from septic systems from leaking into the watershed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- APPLY FOR FUNDING TO REINSTATE THE PROGRAM.

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ACTION ITEMS:

- PROVIDE EDUCATION THAT:
 - EXPLAINS HOW SEPTIC SYSTEMS WORK AND PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TIPS.

IDEAL OUTCOME:

Educate the public on Septic Tank use and maintenance.

TOP PRIORITY:

- Apply for a grant for educational materials to educate the public on septic tank usage and maintenance and work with U of I septic programs.

IDEAL OUTCOME:

All camp sites have Porta potties/vault toilets and dumpsters on site.

TOP PRIORITY:

- Installation of porta potties/vault toilets and dumpsters on heavily used camping areas.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ADVOCATE WITH THE STATE AND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS TO WORK ON PLACEMENT.

ACTION ITEMS:

- DEQ ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

IDEAL OUTCOME:

All wastewater treatment plants be in compliance with DEQ.

TOP PRIORITY:

- Require that watershed sewage treatment plants be in FULL COMPLIANCE BEFORE allowing any new connections.

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ACTION ITEMS:

- IDENTIFY CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE HUMAN BASED ONLY.
- FIND PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR SAMPLING.
- APPROACH EPA TO SEE IF THEY COULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STUDY.

IDEAL OUTCOME:

Trace where the human waste is coming from.

TOP PRIORITY: COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Conduct a tracer study to find out where the human wastewater is leaking into the water shed.

