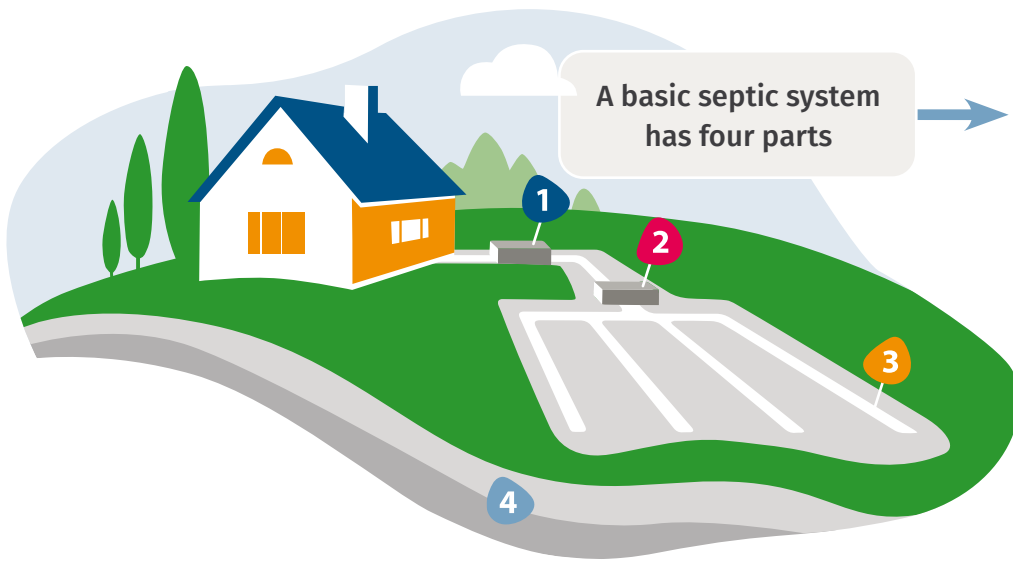




SepticSmart

Septic Systems




- 1 Septic tank** – separates the liquid from the solids and the oils
Risers can provide surface access to buried components
An effluent filter at the tank outlet can keep solids out of the drainfield
- 2 Distribution box** – when present, distributes effluent evenly to the drainfield
- 3 Drainfield** – is a series of underground perforated pipes that work with the soil filter
- 4 Soil filter** – is home to naturally-occurring bacteria that treat the effluent

Many rural properties in the Regional District of Nanaimo have a septic system to treat household wastewater.

With regular maintenance, many septic systems last 25 to 30 years. Eventually all systems must be replaced.



Learn tips to prolong the life of your septic system at rdn.bc.ca/septicmart



For a copy of
your septic system records,
contact Island Health:

Nanaimo
250-755-6215 or
HPES.Nanaimo@islandhealth.ca

Parksville
250-947-8222 or
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SepticSmart Rebates

In 2022, the RDN has four rebates to help RDN homeowners maintain their septic systems:

- 1 Up to \$100 to install an **effluent filter***
- 2 Up to \$200 to install or replace a **distribution box***
- 3 Up to \$300 to install **risers***
- 4 \$600 towards the repair or replacement of an **ageing system***

**The RDN will rebate 75 per cent of eligible expenses to a maximum amount for Rebates 1-3. Flat rate for Rebate 4. The maximum rebate is \$600. New construction and tank pump-outs are not eligible for a rebate.*

Rebates are available until December 9, 2022 or until funds are spent. Since funds are limited, you may apply for pre-approval to “reserve” funds for eligible work for up to 90 days. Funds are only available for maintenance work done in the 2022 calendar year. Work done in 2021 is not eligible.

Visit rdn.bc.ca/septicmart-rebate for forms and a complete list of eligibility and requirements.



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Liquid Waste Management Plan Amendment

SepticSmart is offered as part of the RDN Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP).

A review of the LWMP is underway now. Visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/lwmp-amendment to learn more and find out how you can *Get Involved*.