

RV Park Septic System Maintenance Calendar

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Septic emergencies always happen on holiday weekends. A documented maintenance calendar is the only thing that drops the emergency rate to near-zero. Print this calendar, hang it in the maintenance shed, and initial every task as it is completed.

Park	_____	Year	_____
System Type	_____	EDU / Capacity	_____
Last Pump-Out Date	_____	Pump Interval	_____

Monthly — Every Month

- Visual inspection of all access risers and lids
- Check effluent filter (clean if installed)
- Walk drainfield, look for soggy patches, lush grass, or odor
- Check D-box (distribution box) levels if accessible
- Confirm pump alarm light is working (if pumped system)
- Note any new construction or heavy traffic on drainfield

Quarterly — Mar / Jun / Sep / Dec

- Pump chamber level check (alarm float test)
- Inspect baffles and tees for damage
- Sludge depth measurement in tank
- Scum layer measurement in tank
- Pressure-test or visually inspect any pressure laterals
- Confirm dump-station valves and flush water are operational
- Clean lint trap at any laundry connection

Annual — Same Month Every Year

- Full tank pump-out (or per measured solids level)
- Internal tank inspection during pump-out
- Repair any cracks, missing baffles, or damaged risers
- Replace effluent filter cartridge
- Pressure-flush distribution lines

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- Inspect riser-to-lid seals and replace gaskets

 - Photograph each access point for the maintenance file

 - Update pump-out log with date, gallons, and pumper company

Pre-Season — 2 Weeks Before Opening Day

- Run hot water at every full-hookup site for 5 minutes
- Test every sewer connection on every full-hookup site
- Confirm dump-station rinse line is unfrozen and pressurized
- Inspect all camper sewer hose connections for visible damage
- Re-mark drainfield boundaries with stakes or low fencing
- Update site map showing septic and drainfield locations

Post-Season — Within 14 Days of Last Camper

- Pump tank (if approaching solids threshold)
- Drain dump station to prevent freeze damage
- Insulate or heat-trace any exposed pump-chamber piping
- Drain all hose bibs and frost-free hydrants
- Lock the dump station against off-season dumping
- Photograph tank and drainfield condition for spring comparison

Pump-Out Log

Date	Gallons	Sludge Depth	Pumper Company	Notes

Camper-Facing: What Not To Dump

Print this section as a small sign at the dump station and as a one-line note on the registration card. Prevents most clog and drainfield-failure incidents.

Do not dump: grease, cooking oil, paint, solvents, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, diapers, wet wipes (even those marked flushable), feminine products, kitty litter, coffee grounds, dental floss, gauze, cigarette butts, or any household chemical.

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