

Poop out of control is no laughing matter!

The Sanders County RLF helps you afford doing the right thing
GET YOUR POOP IN A GROUP TODAY!



Obtaining a permit for your new septic system

will make sure your system is properly designed and sized to meet your household's waste-water treatment needs today and for many years to come.



Replacing an obsolete septic before failure lets you be in control of

when the work occurs. The average life of a septic system is 25 years—if yours is older, it is just a matter of time!



The Revolving Loan Fund is a unique program available to homeowners in

Sanders County . The fund guarantees access to a loan to help with the cost to replace failed and obsolete septic systems



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Why should I care if my system fails?

-It is against the law to operate a failed septic system.

-Obsolete systems do not treat sewage properly and may contaminate groundwater. This can cause your well to become contaminated!

-Sewage in the environment can contribute to pollution of our wells, rivers, creeks and lakes. The pollutants in sewage can destroy fish habitat, is difficult to clean out of groundwater, and can make people and animals sick.

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A properly designed, installed and maintained septic system will keep your poop in a group for many happy years!

**For more information contact
Sanders County Environmental
Health Office
111 Main St., Rm 112
Thompson Falls, MT 59873
406.827.6961**



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What to do about Obsolete & Failing Septic Systems in Sanders County Montana



Ask about Sanders County's Revolving Loan Fund*

*Assistance to afford the cost of replacing your old septic system!

Septic Systems 101

§ **A failed septic system is NO laughing matter.** They stink! They back up into your basement! They make a muddy mess of your front lawn! They're illegal! And they always seem to back up at the WORST times!!!

How do I know if my septic system has failed?

-If you have stinky water in your yard or basement, your septic system has failed.

-If your system was installed prior to 1995, it is obsolete. A system may not be functioning properly, even if there is no obvious sign of failure. If you have an obsolete system make plans to upgrade BEFORE you have sewage backing up in your basement!

-If you have a metal septic tank, consider replacing it as soon as possible. These old tanks are a safety hazard if they corrode and collapse!

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What Do I Do If I Cannot Afford a New Septic System?

Sanders County has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to help homeowners pay for replacing failed septic systems, or to hook up to municipal systems when that option is available.

To qualify for the RLF, you must own a home in Sanders County that has a failed or obsolete septic system.

Apply to your lender for a loan to replace your septic system.

Get a letter stating you do not qualify for the loan from your lender, bank, or credit union.

You will need two bids for the cost of the system; Sanders County Environmental Health Office has information on licensed septic system installers.

Bring the letter from the bank, two bids and information for your septic permit application to the sanitarian's office.

You will need to fill out an application form for RLF funding. The application is reviewed by the Sanders County Community Development Corporation.

The interest rate is low, only 4%. If you cannot afford regular payments, other arrangements may be available so payment could be deferred until the home changes hands.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE AN OBSOLETE SEPTIC SYSTEM?

§ **Obtain a permit application from the sanitarian's office.**

-Call 827-6961, or stop by the Courthouse, 111 Main Street, Room 108, Thompson Falls for an application packet.

§ **Fill out the application & return with the proper fees.**

§ **Contact a licensed septic installer.**

§ **Have the new system installed.**

§ **Flush without worries!**

-Have your tank pumped every 2-5 years (on average) and clean your effluent filter every year. (Ask your installer how to do this) Regular maintenance will allow you to enjoy your septic system for many years to come.

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