



# Analise Tenney Explains The Inner Workings Of A Septic Tank And How Often It Should Be Pumped

SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, June 28, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Analise Tenney](#) has been in the plumbing business for many years and he regularly sees problems with septic tanks. This is because, while many American households have such a tank, only a few really understand what it is and how it works. It is for this reason that he has taken the time to explain the inner workings of this type of tank, as well as how often it requires cleaning and how to recognize when cleaning is needed.

## What Is a Septic Tank

[According to Analise Tenney](#), septic tanks are essential in many American households because not everybody is connected to municipal sewage systems. In certain states, such as Tennessee, almost everybody has a septic tank. This tank is placed underground and is used to collect sewage as well as other wastes that decompose.

Analise Tenney explains that the septic tank is connected to the whole plumbing system. Hence, whenever the toilet is flushed, a faucet is used, or a washing machine or other water-based appliance is used, the water and waste are moved to the septic tank. Here, the wastewater is separated into two layers. The first is the sludge layer, which is heavier and sinks down. The second layer is scum, which is lighter and therefore floats. A septic tank is also full of bacteria, which remove harmful pollutants while breaking down the waste at the same time.

After a while, the layers of sludge and scum start to separate from the remaining wastewater. This leaves "effluent" behind. This effluent discharges automatically from the tank and enters the drain field, where the unsaturated soil is found. This further filters all of this water. In so doing, dirty wastewater is disposed of in an effective and safe manner.

[Analise Tenney wants to stress](#) that anyone who has a septic tank has to make sure the system is fully functioning at all times. This means people should regularly have their tank pumped and cleaned, as the drain field will otherwise flood. If a septic tank starts to malfunction, wastewater can back up into the property, which poses a real danger. This is why Tenney points out that it is vital that people also understand how to properly maintain their tank.

## Maintaining Septic Tanks

Regardless of whether people are looking for a new sewer line installation or they just need their sump pump replaced, it is important that they get a professional plumber in order to make sure that the system functions properly. Hence, plumbers should regularly check the system, clean the drains, re-pipe, and more. Maintaining a septic tank is affordable and easy to do, so long as it is done properly Alfred Tenney and regularly.

According to Tenney, it is vital that homeowners have their system inspected regularly to avoid any problem. At the same time, they should use water in an efficient manner and dispose of it responsibly.

Doing so will ensure a longer lifespan for the tank as a whole.

That said, there are different factors that will influence how often a septic tank will require pumping. Two important factors are the size of the tank and the number of solids that get into the wastewater. For a family of five who has a septic tank with a 1,000-gallon capacity, the system should be professionally pumped every other year. However, when pumps have alternative systems or complex mechanical components, this should be done yearly.

At the same time, Tenney explains that it is important for people to keep their tank operating properly between inspections as well. Doing so means being aware of how much water is being used. Long showers or running a dishwasher or washing machine that is only half full should be avoided. Additionally, he recommends that people consider installing low flow toilets and more efficient fixtures, such as faucets and showerheads. Most importantly, he explains that people should have the contact details of a good plumber in their address book as standard so that they can have any leaks or problems resolved as soon as these happen. On average, an American household wastes 10,000 gallons of water due to leaks every year.

Tenney says that it is understandable that because septic tanks are underground, they are often forgotten. However, these are important elements of the overall household and should be properly maintained. He also recommends that people use additives in their system, although they don't have to opt for expensive products such as Rid-x. Rather, flushing three packs of yeast down the drain is enough to ensure that bacteria continue to work and break down all the solids, thereby preventing them from getting into the drain field. Furthermore, he advises people to avoid bleach as this kills the important bacteria.

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