



How Heavy Rain and Flooding Put St. Tammany Parish Septic Systems at Risk

Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services Urges Northshore Homeowners to Inspect Septic Systems Ahead of Peak Storm Season

MANDEVILLE, LA, UNITED STATES, July 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As Louisiana moves deeper into hurricane season, [Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services](#) is reminding homeowners across St. Tammany Parish that heavy rainfall and flooding don't just threaten roofs and foundations — they can overwhelm septic systems in ways that are easy to miss until it's too late.

Septic systems rely on well-drained soil to process wastewater through the drain field. When the water table rises during prolonged rain or storm surge, saturated ground can prevent a septic system from draining properly. The result is often a backup into the home, standing water pooling over the drain field, or sewage odors that indicate the system is no longer functioning as designed.

"A lot of homeowners don't think about their septic system until something backs up," said owner Jonathan Jordan of Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services. "But by the time you see a problem inside the house, the drain field has usually already been struggling for a while. Getting ahead of it before the next storm rolls through is a lot cheaper and a lot less stressful than dealing with a backup during one."

Warning Signs of a Storm-Stressed Septic System

Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services recommends homeowners watch for:

- Slow-draining sinks, tubs, or toilets throughout the house
- Standing water or unusually spongy, bright green grass over the drain field
- Sewage odors near the septic tank or drain field after rain
- Gurgling sounds in pipes
- Sewage backing up into tubs or drains, particularly on the lowest level of the home

Storm Season Recommendations

To reduce the risk of septic failure during Louisiana's rainy season, Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services suggests:

Scheduling a septic inspection before peak storm season, particularly for systems that haven't been serviced in the past 1–3 years

Avoiding heavy water use (laundry, multiple showers, dishwashing) during and immediately after major storms, when the drain field has the least capacity to absorb additional water

Keeping vehicles and heavy equipment off the drain field, since saturated soil is more easily compacted and damaged

Having the tank pumped proactively if it's due, rather than waiting for a storm to reveal a problem

Calling Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services immediately at the first sign of backup, rather than waiting to see if it resolves on its own

Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services, led by a Louisiana Master Plumber (License #LMP6553), provides septic inspection, pumping, repair, and installation services throughout St. Tammany Parish, including Mandeville, Covington, Madisonville, Folsom, and [Abita Springs](#).

Homeowners concerned about their septic system ahead of the next storm can schedule an inspection by calling (985) 778-8737 or visiting [brooksplumbingservices.com](https://www.brooksplumbingservices.com).

About Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services

Brooks Plumbing & Septic Services is a locally owned, licensed plumbing and septic company serving Mandeville, Covington, Madisonville, Folsom, Abita Springs, [Slidell](#) and the surrounding Northshore area of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. The company offers residential and commercial plumbing, water heater services, and septic tank inspection, pumping, and repair.

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