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MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

In this month of thankfulness, let's talk about how thankful we are septic systems! Septic systems are underground wastewater treatment structures that treat and get rid of small amounts of wastewater from houses and businesses. Many Morgan County homes, as well as buildings that don't have access to a centralized public sewer system, often use septic systems.

Do you know about how to keep your septic system healthy? If your home uses a septic system, it should be pumped and inspected every 3-5 years by a professional or MCHD. Also, it is recommended that you stagger the use of water-generating appliances. Avoid flushing non-degradable materials (such as feminine products), harsh chemicals and grease to keep your system healthy. Also, don't park, drive, or plant over your drainfield.

If your existing system is in need of repair or replacement, there is income-based assistance available from the Ohio EPA. Contact the Morgan County Development Office at 740-962-1322 for more information.

If you are thinking of building or buying a house, call MCHD to get a list of soil evaluators. A soil evaluator needs to test your soil to determine the best spot where a septic tank should go before you build or dig. You can call the office at (740) 962-4572 or visit www.morganpublichealth.org/septic to see all the resources MCHD has for families to start and maintain a healthy septic system for years to come.