

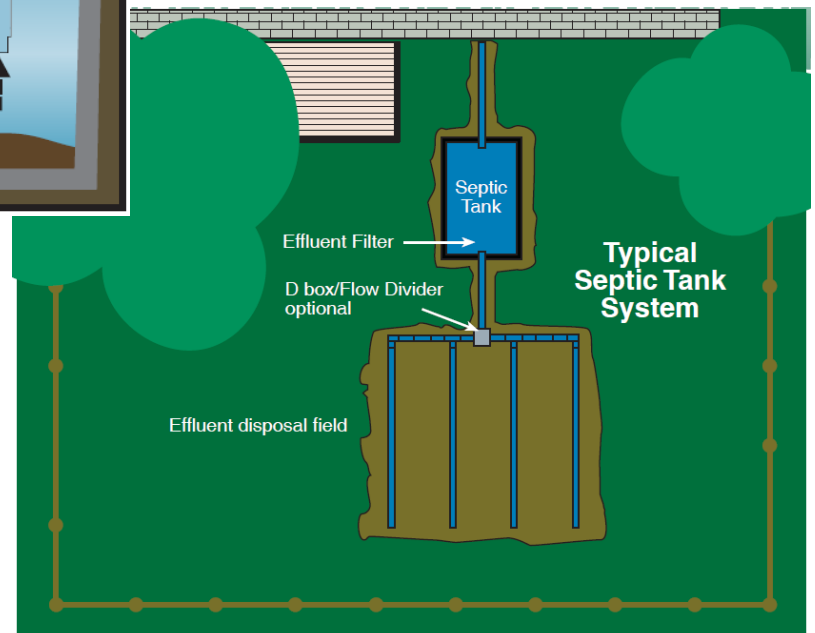
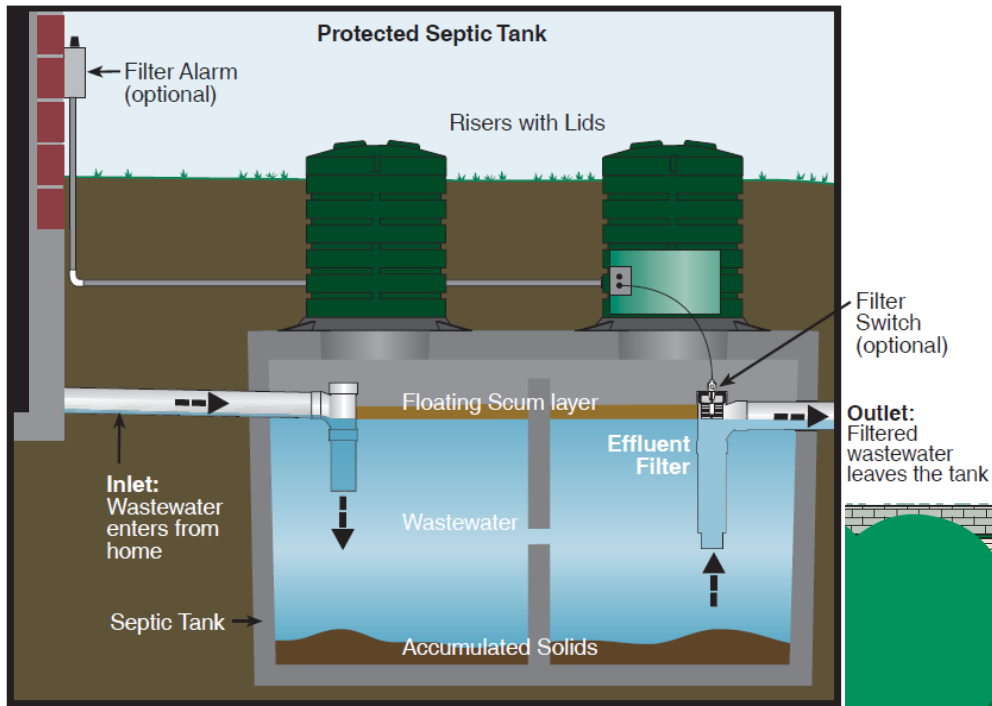
Your Household Septic System: A Consumer Guide to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Industry

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This is a screenshot of the 'Roster Search' page from the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board website. The page features a search form with the following fields: 'Last Name:', 'County:' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'City:' (with a dropdown arrow). Below these fields are two buttons: 'Search Base County' and 'Search County of Operation'. The page also includes a navigation menu at the top with links for 'Home', 'Board', 'Staff', 'Downloads', 'Events', 'Contact', and 'Roster Search'. At the bottom, there is a footer with links for 'Home', 'Links', 'Privacy Statement', 'Statements/Policies', 'info.alabama.gov', 'alabama.gov', 'Español', 'Translation Disclaimer', and 'FAQs'. A 'TOP' link is also present in the bottom right corner.

Consumers

- Know you have a working septic system
- Not sure if your septic system is working / Experiencing some issues
- Know you have a failing septic system
- Don't have a septic system / Will need one



Alabama Department of Public Health
 Maintaining Your Septic Tank System
 (ADPH-OSM-6-9-03-kw)

Onsite Wastewater Industry

- Ala. Dept of Public Health
 - Onsite Rules and Laws / Environmentalists
- Ala. Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB)
 - Licensing / Compliance Officers
- Ala. Onsite Wastewater Association (AOWA)
 - Professionalism / Staff & Training Center

Onsite Wastewater Workers

- Licensed Installers
 - Design and install septic systems
 - Permit from Environmentalist
- Licensed Pumpers
 - Clean and inspect septic systems

Onsite Wastewater Workers

- Licensed Manufacturers
 - Cast and provide approved septic tanks
- Licensee Roster – aowb.alabama.gov



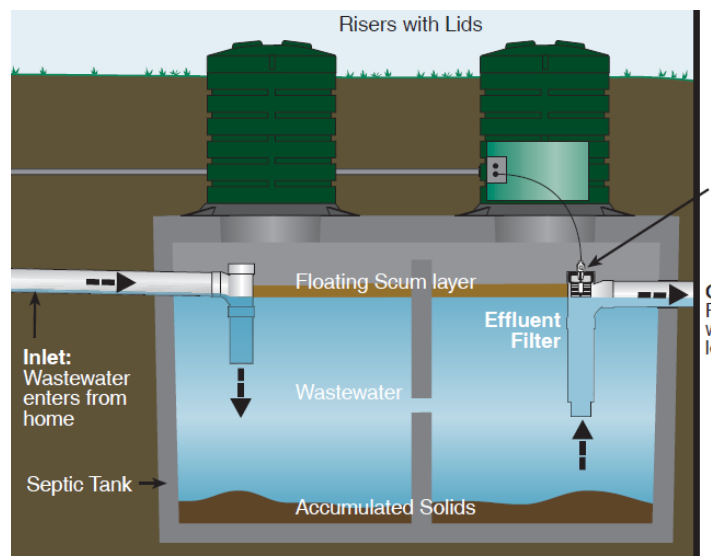
The screenshot displays the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB) website. The header features the AOWB logo, which includes a map of Alabama and the text "ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD" and "1999". To the right of the logo, the text "AOWB Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board" is displayed. A navigation bar contains links for Home, Board, Staff, Downloads, Events, Contact Us, and Roster Search. The main content area is titled "Roster Search" and contains a search form with the following fields: Last Name (text input), County (dropdown menu), and City (dropdown menu). Below these fields are two buttons: "Search Base County" and "Search County of Operation". The footer contains a list of links: Home | Links | Privacy Statement | Statements/Policies | info.alabama.gov | alabama.gov | Español | Translation Disclaimer | FAQs, and a "TOP" link.

Installation or Repair Costs

- Specific to your site
- Obtain at least three (3) quotes from licensed professionals
- AOWB Licensee Roster Search
 - Online
 - Local Health Department

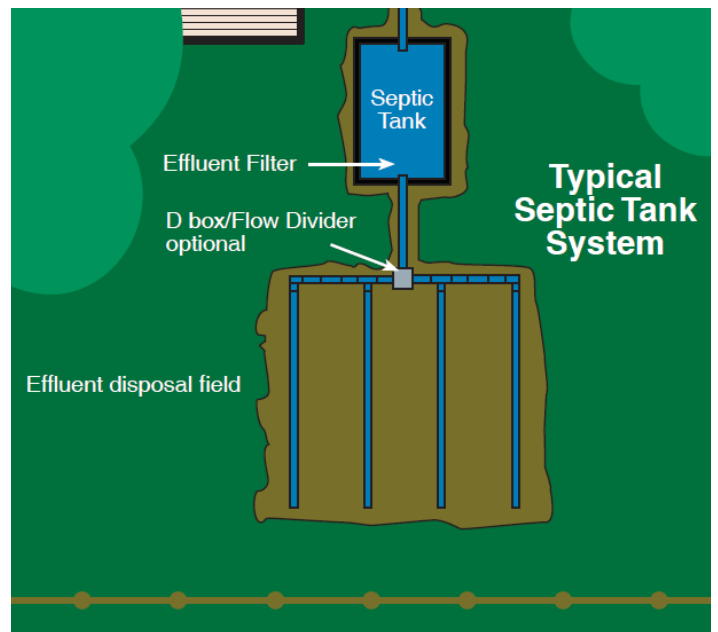
Do's & Don'ts – Septic Tank

- Do
 - Regular pump/inspect
 - Address problems
 - Landmark/access
- Don't
 - Garbage disposal
 - Non-biodegradables
 - Additives/enzymes



Do's & Don'ts – Disposal Field

- Do
 - Conserve/meter water
 - Effluent filter
 - Divert water
- Don't
 - Harmful/Hazardous
 - Parking/Compaction/
Construction/Planting
 - Pools



Septic System Problems

- Signs
 - wet spots in the yard
 - slow draining toilets or drains
 - gurgling sounds in your drains
 - sewage odors
- Actions
 - Environmentalist
 - Licensed Professional

Low-Income Households

- AOWA TRAC Program
 - Income-dependent
 - Septic system work at no cost to homeowner
 - AOWA members donate equipment and labor
 - Limited number of systems

More Information

- Alabama Department of Health
 - www.adph.org/onsite
- Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board
 - aowb.alabama.gov
- Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association
 - www.aowainfo.org