4 signs of a failing septic system

- Strong odor from septic tank or drainfield
- Pooling water or muddy soil in drainfield
- Bright green spongy grass even in dry weather
- Sewage backups or slow draining sinks and tubs

Proper maintenance can help prevent septic system failures
Learn more at www.epa.gov/septic/septicsmart-homeowners
or a Homeowner Education Workshop

Join H-GAC at a free On-Site Sewage Facility (Septic System) Homeowner Education Workshop in your community!

Eligible attendees may apply for a no-cost system repair or replacement

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10:00am to 12:00pm

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H-GAC's Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program can provide no-cost repair or replacement of failing on-site sewage facilities for qualifying applicants.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ☑ **Attend the Homeowner Education Workshop hosted in your community.**
- ☑ **Applicant must be the homeowner and reside in the home.**
- ☑ **Applicant must not earn more than 80 percent of the median household income (80% in Harris County = $58,483.00).**
- ☑ **Homeowner can be eligible even if under enforcement action for violation of TCEQ rules.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: ***Where does the program funding come from?***
A: This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (4T-02F61501) to TCEQ. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the EPA, nor does the EPA endorse trade names or recommend the use of commercial prducts mentioned in this document.

Q: ***What will I learn at the workshop?***
A: The workshop will cover basic components of an on-site sewage facility (conventional septic systems and aerobic systems) and proper maintenance. It does not provide for or allow homeowners to inspect their own systems in place of a maintenance contract.

Q: ***What do I need to provide to verify eligibility?***
A: You will need to provide documentation showing that you own the home (ex. deed) and reside in the home (ex. current utility bill). You will also need to provide documentation on the household income (ex. income tax return).

Q: ***How will my information be stored/used?***
A: Your information will only be used to validate eligibility and will be stored only until work is completed. No personal information will be shared with any third parties.

Q: ***Will I need to provide anything else to complete the installation?***
A: Property owners will need to provide a property survey for system design, and will need to have access to an external 120v, 30amp electrical disconnect near the site for installation. The installation and work area should also be mowed.

Q: ***What if I don't meet the no-cost repair or replacement requirements listed?***
A: Everyone is encourage to attend the workshop to learn about their system and proper maintenance. Proper maintenance can extend the life of your system and reduce the risk of failure.