

**GRANT COUNTY**  
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**THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT**  
**For GRANT COUNTY PRIVATE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**  
**(POWTS)**

The Grant County POWTS Ordinance **requires proper maintenance performed every three years after the installation of your system.** You will receive notice that it must be inspected or pumped by a Wisconsin licensed master plumber, master restricted sewer plumber, septic tank pumper, registered POWTS maintainer, or a POWTS inspector.

A licensed person must complete and sign the form certifying that:

- The POWTS is in proper operating condition.
- The septic tank was pumped by a Wisconsin licensed septic tank pumper or was inspected and is less than one-third full of sludge and scum.

The homeowner is responsible for returning the form to Grant County Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department office with the required maintenance fee included.

A septic system is relied on to treat and dispose of household wastewater. Proper operation and maintenance can have a significant impact on how well it works and how long it lasts.

Proper Maintenance Practices:

- Conserve water
- Plant grass only over the drain field
- Sparingly use household cleaners and bleach as they can be hard on a system
- Inspect and clean the effluent filter as needed

System Abuse:

- Flushing hazardous wastes, chemicals, food scraps, cat litter, feminine products, disposable diapers, paint/varnish, etc.
- Driving or operating heavy machinery over any part of the system
- Building overtop the drain field

**For more information, please feel free to contact our office or visit us online.**