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PUBLIC HEALTH

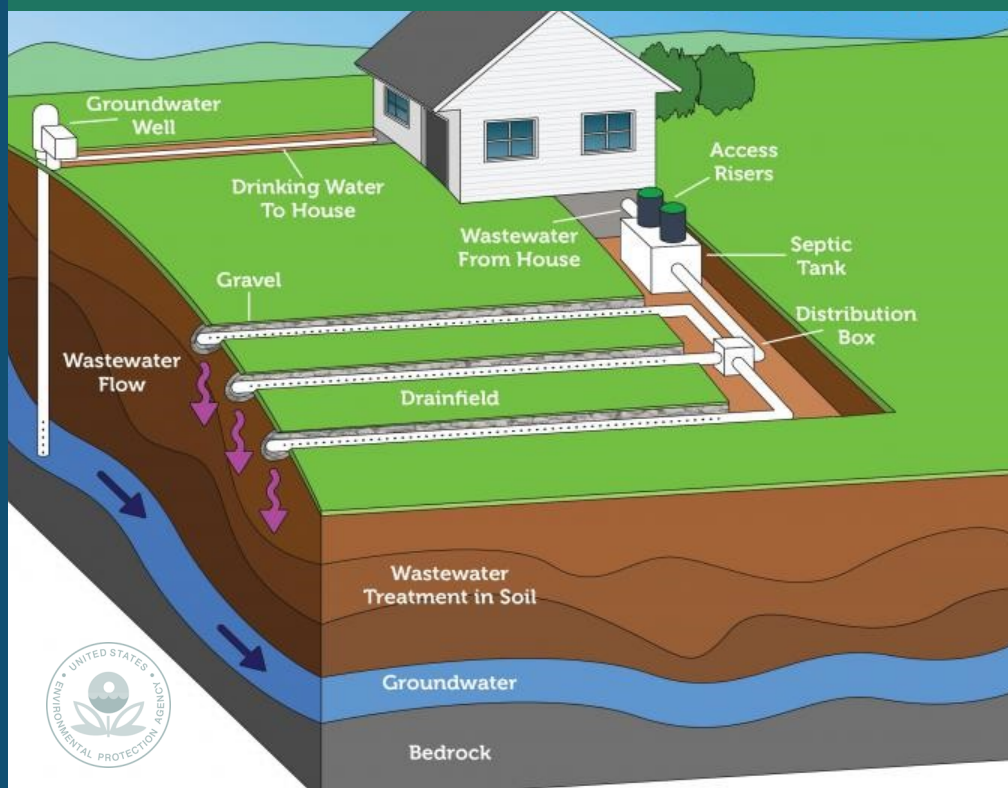


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## Helpful Tips

- ◇ Don't pave, build, or park over your drainfield.
- ◇ Don't plant large plants or trees over the drainfield.
- ◇ Observation ports allow septic professionals to monitor the health of your drainfield.
- ◇ Have an undisturbed reserve area available if a replacement should be necessary.

# Conventional Drainfields



A sub-surface system of perforated piping organized into trenches or a bed, drainfields receive wastewater that has been treated by the septic tank and piped equally through the distribution box. Wastewater then exits the drainfield through one of several small openings to the soil below which contains microbes that will continue treatment. Unlike other drainfields with more complex components, conventional systems use gravity to move the wastewater throughout the system.