

# Septic System Management at Little Bitterroot Lake

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## What's going on down below?

As we sit back and enjoy the serene and priceless views of our lake, we should also take a moment and think about why the lake is so pristine and what we can do to preserve this treasure. Most people don't like when conversations 'go into the sewer (or septic)' .... now is the time for all of us to have **that** conversation. This is a serious topic and we must take responsibility before it is too late.

For all of us who have septic systems on Little Bitterroot Lake, we have the responsibility to keep them running in good order. We have many options to choose from, from professional inspections (and maintenance) to annual 'do it yourself' checkups. If the homeowner finds that their system is malfunctioning or suspect it, it will be necessary for them to contact a licensed professional with the necessary skills and equipment to repair the system. Septic system repairs in most cases, require a permit from the local health jurisdiction and must conform with state and local public health codes that regulate septic system repair. If you choose to inspect or maintain your septic system, you do so at your own risk and are personally responsible for your own safety. You may be exposed to health hazards including, but not limited to, infectious diseases, hazardous gases, and electrical shock. Sewage carries harmful bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause infection and illness, especially in people with weakened immune systems, pregnant women, children, and the elderly. Now, think for a moment if this applies to any of us swimming, fishing or drinking water exposed to a malfunctioning septic system!!!

We in the Little Bitterroot Lake Association are taking this seriously. Over the next few months communications about the health/wellness of our lake, surrounding area, and steps we all can take to keep this area one of the most pristine locations in the country will be delivered. As we started this communication 'in the sewer/septic' we must equally end...'out of site' (or down the septic) should not be 'out of mind'. We must all be stewards of our lake. If for some reason the lake displays signs of severe septic leachate right off someone's shore, we will all see it and it will become an eyesore and mean major repairs are in order. Thank you for consideration of this important message.

Little Bitterroot Lake Association

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