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## **Keeping Your Septic System Working Well Through a Michigan Winter**

**Ortonville, Mich. (September 21, 2011)** - With cold weather quickly approaching the last thing you want to think about are problems with your septic system in the middle of winter. Many septic systems can freeze in the winter for a number of reasons. Lack of snow cover can be one reason because without snow cover the frost can go deep.

Here are some other reasons:

1. Septic System does not have enough ground cover.
2. The ground around new systems is not packed tight enough.
3. Older systems can settle which allows for insufficient slope on the pipe.
4. Septic systems can freeze when homeowners are gone for a winter vacation because the water is not flowing.

Here are four locations to be aware of where your system can freeze:

1. The collection pipe from the house to the tank. You want to be sure there are no leaks along this pipe, seal any leaks that you find.
2. The septic tank itself. Once your septic system freezes, it should be properly inspected by a professional to determine any possible damage and repaired immediately.
3. The pipe from the tank to the distribution area should be inspected for possible leaks or improper settling.
4. With either a mound system or a trench system, if the ground has developed soggy areas, the system may not work properly.

Some other things to keep in mind when preparing your septic system for winter, you should let the grass covering your system grow a little taller in the fall. Taller grass will help trap snow, snow works as an insulator and provide a warmer blanket for the system. You can also cover the pipe and the tank with leaves or straw for additional insulation. Most important is to perform proper maintenance on the whole system. Fix any leaking faucets or fixtures. Call us to perform important, proper maintenance on your entire system. Remember also to have your system cleaned or pumped at least every two or three years.

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