



Suggested Operating & Maintenance ELETECH SEPTIC TANK | ELETECH FILTER

1| The inflowing household sewage should not contain anything other than human waste, toilet paper, and food material such as may go down a sink drain. Garbage grinders/waste disposals are not recommended, although they need not be forbidden. However more frequent de-sludging of the septic tank may be needed if these are used. Normal use in the house of soaps, detergents, bleaches, plumbing fixture cleaners, drain cleaners and disinfectants will not harm the functioning of the septic tank or the soil absorption system.

2| **PROHIBITED DISCHARGES TO THE SEPTIC TANK INCLUDE:**

- Oil/grease e.g from a deep fryer
- Stormwater and any drainage other than sewage generated in the house
- Petrol, oil and other flammable/explosive substances
- Disposable nappies and sanitary napkins
- Household, garden, garage and workshop chemicals, e.g. pesticides, paint cleaners, photographic chemicals, motor oil and trade waste

3| Septic tanks need to be pumped (septage removed) when the sludge and scum have accumulated to the extent that the clear space (between scum and sludge) has a volume intervals less than 1,000 Litres. Septage removal may need to be done as often as every three years but at no longer than five-year intervals.

EFFLUENT FILTERS

- 1| The septic tank should be pumped prior to removal of the filter to prevent any solids from escaping to the trenches when the cartridge is removed
- 2| The filter should be cleaned at the same time as normal septic tank servicing (3-5 years)
- 3| Remove the cartridge and rinse off with a garden hose, being careful to rinse all septage material back into the tank. It is not necessary that the cartridge be cleaned “spotless”. The biomass growing on the filter aids in the pre-treatment process and should be left on the cartridge

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