



A single-chamber septic tank

Wastewater from the house is carried in a drain to the tank. Fats and soap residue float and form a scum in the tank, while solids sink to the bottom and form a sludge. Building owners should be advised that this sludge must be pumped out periodically by a specialist contractor.

For new building projects, many local and regional councils are demanding a higher level of waste water treatment than these traditional septic tanks provide.

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