## 5 Things You Must Know

## Before Installing or Replacing a Septic System in Wisconsin

Get a Perc Test First

Your soil type determines what kind of system you can install. Schedule your perc test early to avoid costly surprises.

2 Check County Requirements

Permit rules and fees vary. Example: Eau Claire = \$50, Dunn = \$35, Chippewa = no fee. Always confirm with your county zoning office.

Ask for a System Bid Upfront

When you schedule your perc test, ask your installer for a full bid. 9 out of 10 times, this saves time and ensures you're getting the right system without delays.

4 Budget Beyond Installation

Factor in mileage (extra \$50+ for jobs 30+ miles out), filing fees, inspections, and long-term maintenance costs. An itemized estimate keeps surprises away.

Plan for Maintenance

Pump and inspect regularly, don't flush grease/wipes, and know the warning signs of system failure. Good habits extend system life.

## **Quick Homeowner Checklist**

Perc test scheduled
County permit requirements checked
System bid requested
Budget confirmed (fees + mileage)
Maintenance plan in place

**Pro Tip:** Ask your installer if they'll handle paperwork and permitting — it saves time and headaches...



