



Lifting the lid

on sewage systems

Odours Control

When a septic tank's pH is out of balance it will often emit unsavoury odours. A septic tank functions correctly when the contents are alkaline and therefore unlikely to emit odours.

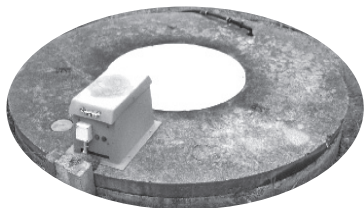
This can be achieved initially by mixing 5kg of hydrated lime into slurry and flushing it into the septic tank through the toilet pan.



Lime treatment can be used at other times when acidic conditions occur inside the tank. (Note: Avoid lime coming into contact with skin and eyes by wearing eye protection and rubber gloves when handling this material). It is recommended you consult the Material Safety data sheet for this product prior to handling. You may wish to consult an accredited service provider or licenced plumber to undertake this service for you.

One way of upsetting the pH of your system is to use strong chemical cleaning agents.

Always use cleaning agents that are labelled as suitable for use with septic systems. Soapy water or biodegradable cleaners can be used to clean toilets and sanitary fixtures. Remember to avoid the use of strong caustic alkalis, oils, acids, bleaches and disinfectants.



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