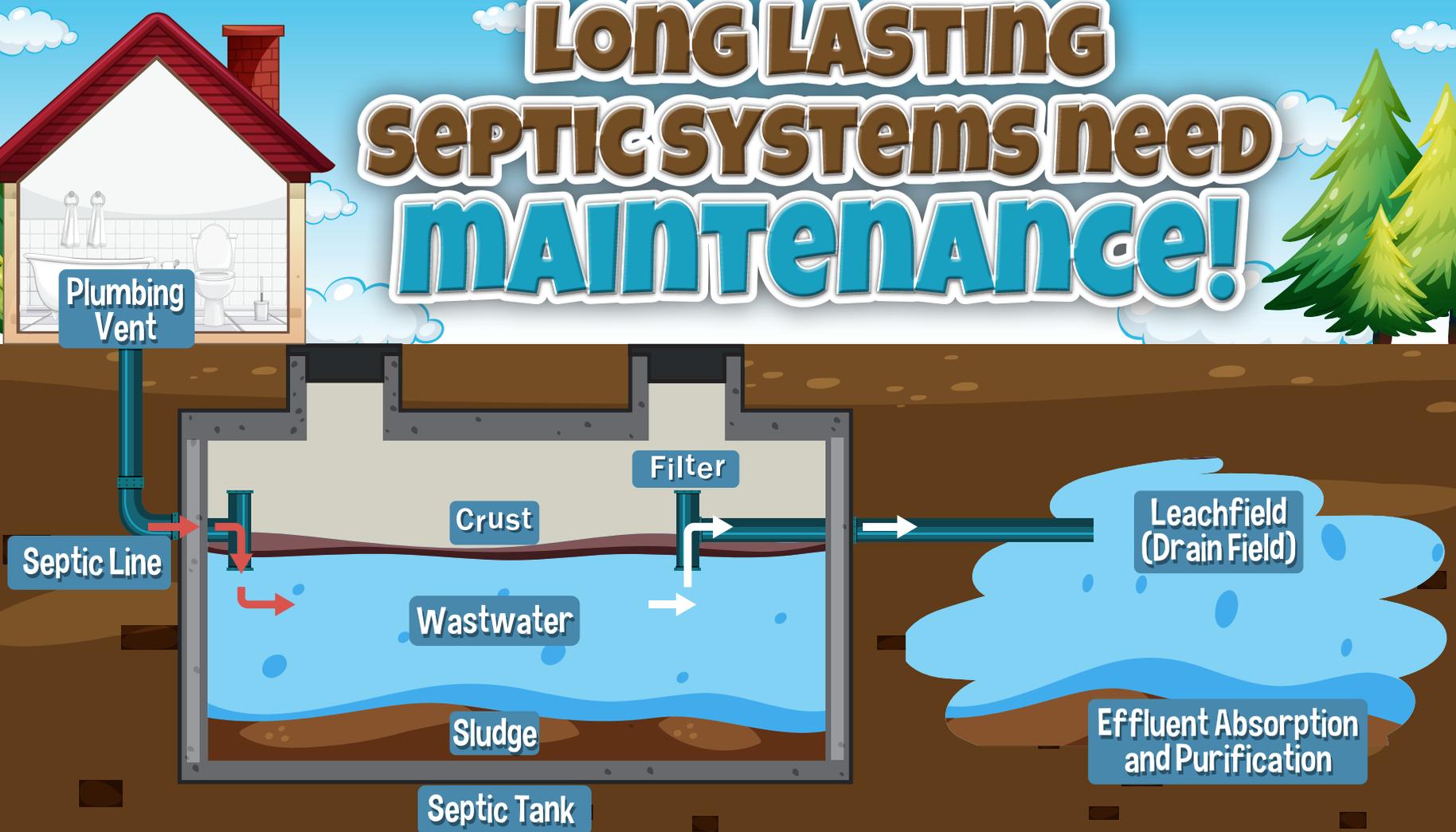


LONG LASTING SEPTIC SYSTEMS need MAINTENANCE!



PUMP YOUR TANK

Tanks should be pumped **EVERY 3-5 YEARS**

This depends on water usage, size of the tank, type of toilet paper, and age of the system.

If the crust (top layer) and sludge (bottom layer) equals 30%, it is time.

CLEAN YOUR FILTER

If your tank is 2010 or newer, it should have a filter:

CLEAN IT ANNUALLY

If you don't it could back up at some point, causing problems.

LIMIT GREASE

Limit grease from entering the tank. Excessive amounts of grease will rob oxygen and kill bacteria needed to break down solids.

DON'T FLUSH WIPES

Even though wipe packages say they are septic safe, they should not be flushed.

EASY ACCESS

Most tanks have **2 LIDS** which should be at surface level to aid in maintenance or for emergencies.

All new tanks — and some older tanks — if the second lid is not accessed, it is impossible to clean out.

Call Ben when it's time for your septic tank maintenance!



Pictured: Ben, Mia, Evan, and Sara Shearer

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