

**LAKE STEWARDSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF MCKELLAR TOWNSHIP**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**THURSDAY, July 14 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

Topic: Maintaining Your Septic System with Danielle Ward AND Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee July meeting. 11 folks participated

Time: Jul 14, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Danielle is from Adam's Bros daniellew@adamsbros.ca in Parry Sound and they are involved from start to finish with septic systems. Septic system longevity depends on maintenance. There are 5 classes of systems, the most common being a leaching bed system, comprised of 2 compartments inside one tank...solids are separated from the liquid side.

North Bay Matthew conservation authority has copies of our septic systems here in McKellar. Most people pump every 3-7 years, pump truck operators will tell you if you need to pump earlier. When to pump depends on usage.

Make sure you space out loads of laundry, showers etc., the septic needs to rest. Systems are designed not for big parties but for everyday use. Do not put anything heavy on your leaching field as it will damage the pipes. Do not plow snow off the bed.

Effluent filters need to be cleaned!

Do not put any grease into your drain/ system, or food scraps (scrape your plates before putting in dish washer) bleach, baking supplies, hair conditioner, fabric softener, coffee grounds, paint and thinners (including washing your brushes), paper towels, Kleenex, condoms, feminine products, baby or feminine wipes.

Post signs in your bathroom and kitchen telling guests what not to flush!

Camera inspections are available for leaching beds.

Additives can be a good thing...alot of things say they are septic safe but read carefully! Trees can be planted but find out from a nursery how large their root base is, at least 20' away. Spruce trees put out large root systems. Grass or clover is safe.

Drano is not good for your septic system, nor is CLR. Does septobac help the situation? It does! Keep your bacteria healthy.

In an older system can you retrofit a filter in an older tank? Yes!

Thanks to Danielle for a thorough talk on septic systems. Danielle will answer questions, her email is at the beginning of the presentation.

COVID/Illness caused the council chambers to be closed so Nick Ryeland was not on hand in the Community centre. Host of the zoom meeting was Jennifer Ghent-Fuller. This presentation will be streamed on You Tube.

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