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WATER WEDNESDAY:
Is it time to pump your tank?

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Why Septic Maintenance Matters!

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Tips for Homeowners:

1. **Pump Regularly:** Pump your septic tank every 3-5 years to remove solids. This will protect your leaching field and provide better treatment. Regular pumping will prevent overflow and system failure.
2. **Water Conservation:** Use water efficiently to reduce the load on your septic system. Replace older plumbing fixtures with low flow fixtures.
3. **Proper Disposal:** Only the three “Ps” should be flushed: Pee, Poop, and toilet Paper.
 Avoid flushing non-biodegradable items,  such as wipes and other hygiene products, and harsh chemicals  down the drain.
4. **Protect the Drainfield:** Keep heavy vehicles and structures off your septic system to prevent damage to components.
5. **Plant Smart:** Choose native grasses or shallow-rooted plants over your septic system. Avoid deep-rooted trees that can invade and clog pipes. 
6. **Regular Inspections:** Have your septic system inspected by a professional. Truro requires septic inspections with property transfer and as a prerequisite for obtaining most building permits. 

 **For more information about your specific system including where it is located or when the last time it was pumped, contact the Truro Health Department.**