



Commonly asked questions?

<b>What are my options?</b>	<i>Septic tanks/ sewage treatment plants/ cesspools. – Check out the website for more details on each.</i>
<b>How long does a septic tank / treatment system last?</b>	<i>As long as they are maintained correctly they can last for 40 years +</i>
<b>How often does my septic tank need to be emptied?</b>	<i>It is advised that they are emptied every 6 – 12 months. Biopure systems are slightly different and only need emptying every 3 – 5 years.</i>
<b>Should I add a bacterial activator to my system?</b>	<i>No! – All bacteria will form naturally during an aerobic process. Professionals emptying the tank will always ensure that a small amount of effluent is left at the bottom for faster start up.</i>
<b>What size tank do I need?</b>	<i>Tank sizes will vary as demands of domestic and Glamping sites differ. Each individual site will need to be sized based on the needs.</i>
<b>Which system can I use if I have no electricity?</b>	<i>Pumps can be run via solar power however the most common solution is a holding tank.</i>

<b>Can water from a treatment plant be used for watering flowers?</b>	<i>Yes it can but not for use on vegetables.</i>
<b>What happens if my ground is Hard, rocky or mainly shale or clay?</b>	<i>These can all cause issues but each individual site needs to be visited to identify the best solutions.</i>
<b>What is the best system to use if we are close to a stream or river?</b>	<i>Sewage treatment systems must be used in this instance, as they discharge clean water.</i>
<b>How do I know if my septic tank is full?</b>	<i>Toilets will take longer to flush, can be nasty smells and dirty pools of discharge water.</i>
<b>What are the 2020 regulations?</b>	<i>Septic tanks can no longer discharge in to ditches, rivers or streams. Septic tanks must be replaced or upgraded to full sewage treatment systems by 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2020</i>
<b>How far does a treatment system or septic tank need to be from a dwelling?</b>	<i>Percolation Area: 10 metres. Septic Tank: 7 metres. Sewage Treatment System: 7 metres.</i>
<b>Do I need planning permission?</b>	<i>It is advised by the environmental agency that you check with the planning authorities.</i>