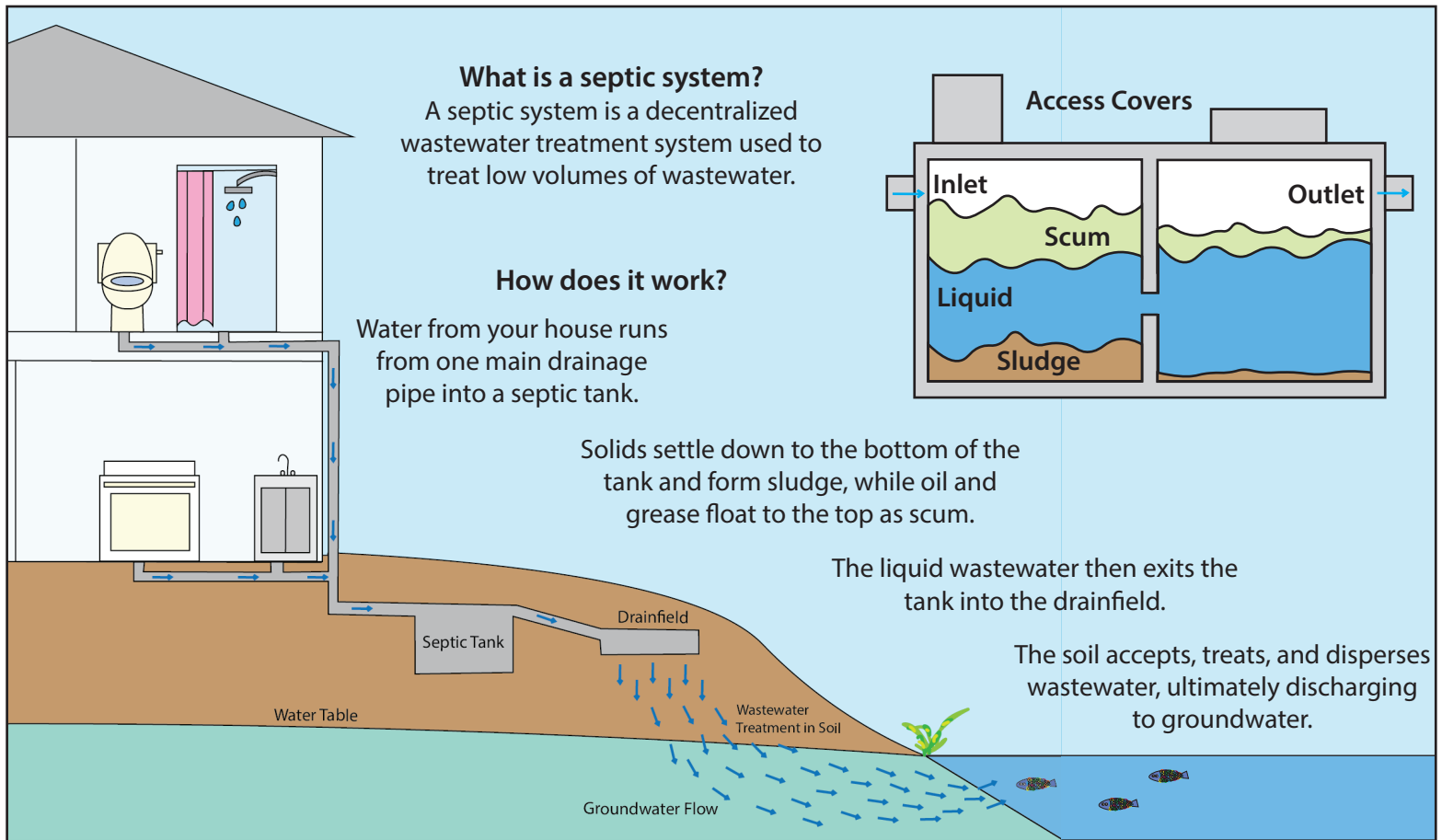


What You Should Know About Your Septic System



Dos

and

Don'ts



Have your septic system inspected every three years and pumped when necessary!



Limit use of the garbage disposal

Properly dispose of coffee grounds

Consult a professional before planting trees and shrubs near your system



Stagger the use of water-generating appliances

Fix plumbing leaks and water-efficient products



Flush chemicals and medications!



Put grease down the drain!

Pour coffee grounds down the drain!



Flush non-degradable products like dental floss, cat litter, paper towels

Park on your drainfield

Put strain on the system by using the shower, dishwasher, and washing machine at the same time

Pollution Impacts

Broken septic systems can release viruses, nutrients, and bacteria into the water.



Viruses, nutrients, and bacteria can contaminate groundwater and cause many diseases including gastrointestinal illness, cholera, hepatitis A, and typhoid.

When there are too many nutrients in the water, they act as a fertilizer for bacteria and algae.

The algae can reduce water quality, kill aquatic plants and animals, and form toxins in the water.

