

# Ask The Plumbing Doctor

## Keeping Wastewater Systems Shipshape

(NAPSA)—**Q:** The wastewater system in my house tends to get backed up. I'm concerned that it could mean there's a problem with my septic tank. Are there steps I can take to prevent this from becoming a big—and expensive—problem?

**A:** Some simple maintenance can help you avoid major problems with your wastewater system. The key is to use some inexpensive additives to maintain healthy bacteria in your septic tank. These bacteria break down material and help prevent backups and other issues.

You can find a number of safe, easy-to-use additives from Roebic Laboratories that augment the natural bacteria in a tank. For instance:

- A product called K-37 Septic Tank Treatment is used annually to improve the biological digestive action of bacteria already in the tank. This helps keep the system functioning properly.
- Fast-acting K-57 Septic System Cleaner offers a combination of patented bacteria. They quickly digest and loosen the excess buildup that results in sluggishness. It's ideal for use just after a routine pumping to deliver a "biological" cleaning.
- A new Roebic product, GSS-1 Granular Septic System Treatment, is made with the same patented



**The right additives and maintenance can help guard against wastewater problems.**

bacteria strains that are used in municipal, commercial and process wastewaters around the world. This product, which is used once every two months, helps maintain proper septic pH while delivering powerful waste-degrading bacteria.

- Homeowners with aerated septic tanks can opt for Air-O-Paks. The water-soluble packs include the same patented bacteria found in GSS-1 but are formulated for aerated systems.

Roebic also reminds you that routine pumping is an important part of caring for your septic system.

You can learn more and get help choosing the right additives for your septic system by going to [www.roebic.com](http://www.roebic.com).