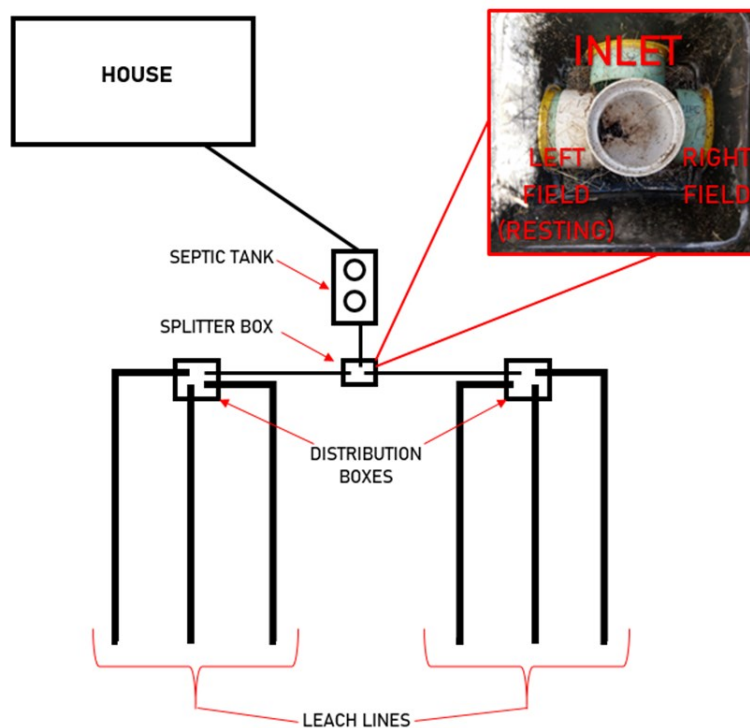


# How to Switch Flow to Leach Fields

Some septic systems are designed to switch the flow between two separate leach fields each year to allow the soil to rest, elongating the lifespan of the system. A registered service provider can do this as part of a regular maintenance visit, or you can even do it yourself! If you would like to know if this is how your system is designed, please call Geauga Public Health to review any records on file for your property. All septic and well information on file at the health department is public record and available upon request. Our staff will be happy to discuss your system with you.

To alternate fields, grab some gloves and open the splitter box lid in your yard (they usually have black plastic or concrete, square lids). Inside, there should be 3 pipes. The highest and/or smallest pipe will be the one coming from your tank. The other 2 pipes go to the 2 leach fields. With a gloved hand, remove the PVC cap or right-angle elbow from one field to the pipe for the other field. This will direct flow into the other leach field. If you are unsure which box is your splitter box or which pipes correspond to what, it is best to have a registered service provider show you the first time. Switch fields around the same time each year.



Every year, the splitter box should be alternated to divert effluent to one field, and block flow to the other, to let that field rest.



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