



2021 SepticSmart Week Highlights

September 20-24, 2021

Oklahoma Partnership Proclamation

Partners of the Guard the Grand Program issued a proclamation to advertise their septic system repair or replacement assistance for homeowners in the Grand Lake and Hudson Lake watersheds. The partners include the Grand River Dam Authority, supported by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment, and Oklahoma Water Resources Board.



Community Engagement

NEW HAMPSHIRE The Department of Environmental Services took a full-sized cutout of Septic Sam around the state to encourage best decentralized wastewater practices.



Septic Sam with members of the Tucker Pond Improvement Association.

OHIO Geauga County Public Health, in partnership with Geauga Soil and Water Conversation District and Geauga County Public library, led an in-person outreach and education event at a local library. The presentations included EPA education materials to give homeowners more information about residential wastewater technologies, maintenance requirements, and more.

GEORGIA Septic system education was featured at the 2021 Athens Water Festival. Gary L. Hawkins, Water Resources Specialist with University of Georgia (UGA) Extension and UGA colleagues participated in the 2021 Athens Water Festival. The event featured a flushable and non-flushable game with kids and adults, as well as a demonstration on how residential septic systems work. In addition, Hawkins posted daily SepticSmart videos to encourage residents of Cobb and Douglas counties to protect their septic systems.



UGA staff participate in 2021 Athens Water Festival

WISCONSIN The Department of Safety and Professional Services hosted a series of webinars for homeowners to learn more about septic systems and how to avoid damage and costly repairs. Their webinar announcement was advertised in Wisconsin-centered media and news outlets.

EPA's Decentralized Wastewater MOU Partnership hosted a SepticSmart Week webinar on the opportunities for improved national and local data on septic systems.

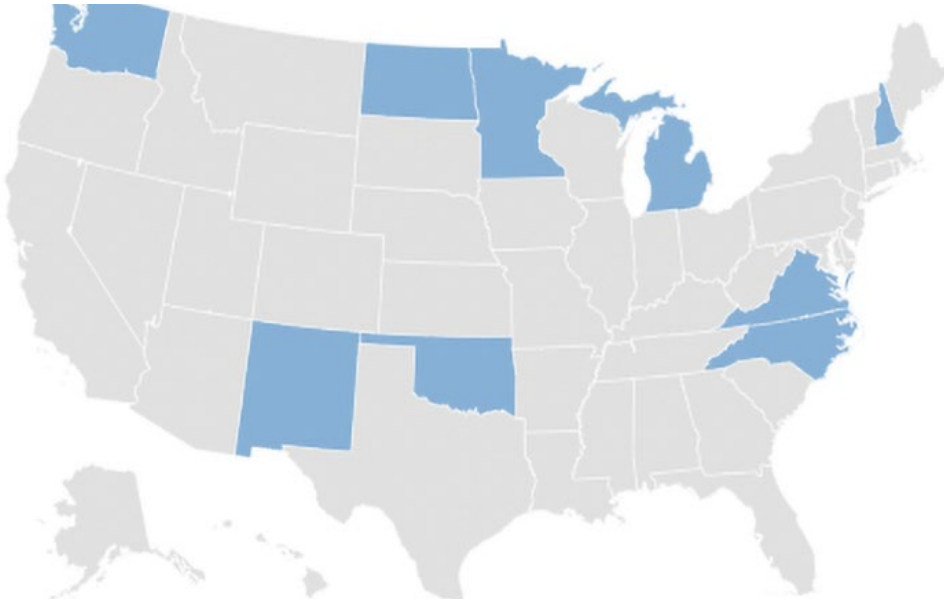
Proclamations

This year 16 SepticSmart Week proclamations were issued—the most proclamations since 2018!

7 MOU PARTNERS // 9 STATES

States: Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma*, Virginia, and Washington.

(*Oklahoma issued a joint partnership proclamation)

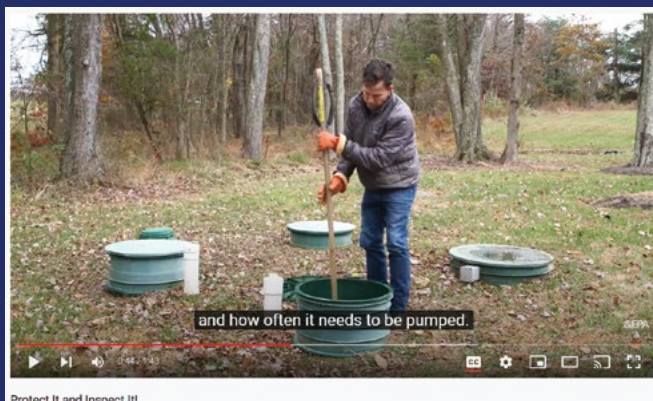


Industry Magazine Features SepticSmart Week!

The Onsite Installer article, "[Reach Out to Your Community During SepticSmart Week](#)"

Quick Tip Videos

The seven [SepticSmart Quick Tip Videos](#) had an increase of 312 views during SepticSmart Week.



MOU Partner and Affiliates Newsletters and Blogs

- ASTHO Environmental Health Bulletin
- CDC The Director's Newsletter
- GWPC Communique
- [IAPMO Online](#)
- IHS All Sanitation Engineers Listserv
- [NEHA Blog](#)
- NAWT Member Email Listserv
- NOWRA Newsletter and Magazine
- US Water Alliance Newsletter

#SepticSmart in Social Media from Decentralized MOU Partners

GET #SEPTICSMART!

- ✓ Don't pour harsh chemicals down the drain
- ✓ Only flush toilet paper - no diapers or period products
- ✓ Keep up with regular septic system maintenance

DigDeep supports #SepticSmartWeek!

For more info, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-smart-week>

