

# DANGERS OF HEAVY RAINFALL ON YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

**Heavy rainstorms can potentially cause septic system related problems including ground flooding and clogged drain fields.**

## SIGNS OF A FLOODED DRAINFIELD:

- SLUGGISH DRAINS IN HOUSE
- GURGLING SOUNDS IN TOILETS & DRAINS
- TOILETS DRAINING SLOWING WHEN FLUSHED

Septic systems are designed to only handle wastewater from the house. The size of the septic tank installed on a property is determined by the occupancy of the house (number of bedrooms). If runoff water from the storm gets into the septic tank, it will get full and since the soil in the leach field will be already too saturated, the water will start backing up into the house or from the manhole.

**IF YOU THINK YOUR TANK MAY BE FLOODED  
OR ARE IN NEED OF ROUTINE SEPTIC  
MAINTENANCE, PLEASE CALL SIM  
SANITATION AT (661) 823-8442**