

# BUDGETING FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

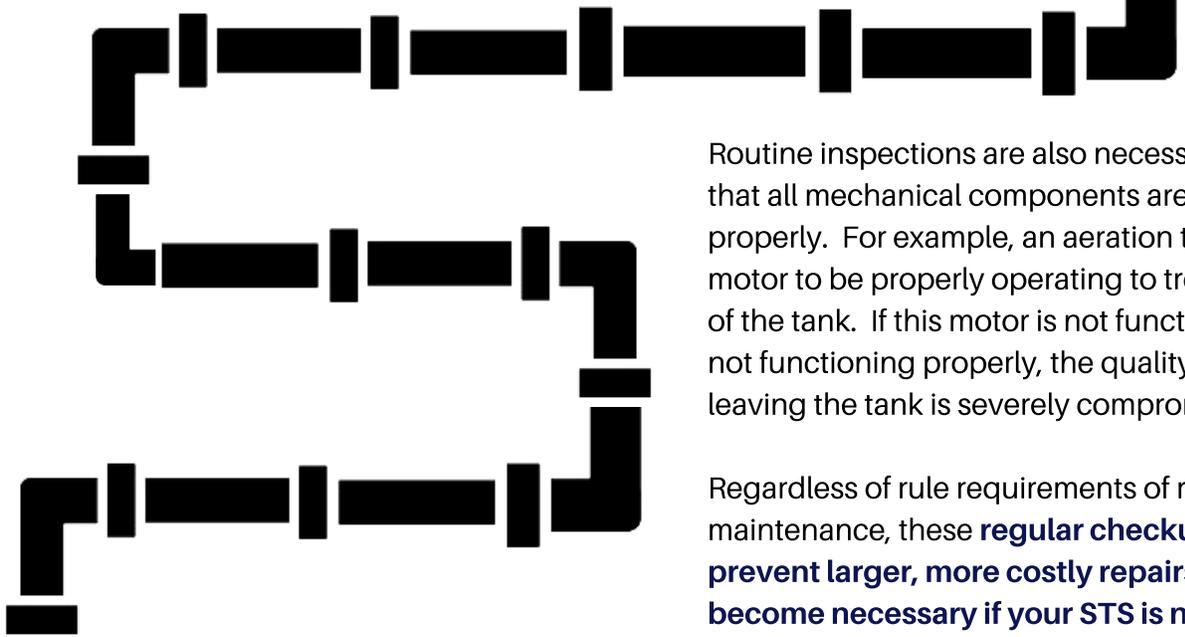
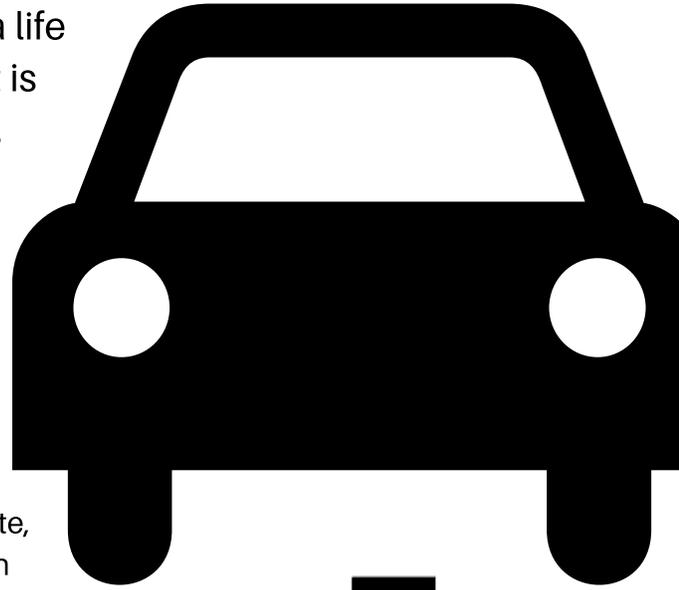


Like all things, a sewage treatment system (STS) has a life span and will one day cease to function. Sometimes it is helpful to **think of your STS like you would your car.**

Keeping this in mind you may budget for the repairs, maintenance and eventual replacement of your STS that may be needed.

Most people are aware that to function properly and prolong the life of a vehicle routine maintenance, such as oil changes, are needed. A STS is no different. **Tanks should be pumped, on average, every 3-5 years.**

This routine pumping helps ensure the solids (garbage disposal waste, fats, oils, greases) do not leave the tanks and enter the soil absorption component where the solids could cause clogs and damage leading to STS failure.



Routine inspections are also necessary to ensure that all mechanical components are functioning properly. For example, an aeration tank requires a motor to be properly operating to treat the contents of the tank. If this motor is not functioning at all or not functioning properly, the quality of the water leaving the tank is severely compromised.

Regardless of rule requirements of routine maintenance, these **regular checkups help prevent larger, more costly repairs that may become necessary if your STS is neglected.**

Replacing our vehicles is a necessity we know will one day be needed and your STS likewise will not function forever, therefore it is important to plan for the day that your STS ceases to function or needs repairs. Create a special budget for your STS, so you will be ready when the day comes.

The act of saving **only \$10 a week** over the life of your STS could mean you have enough to pay for any repairs or replacements that are needed.