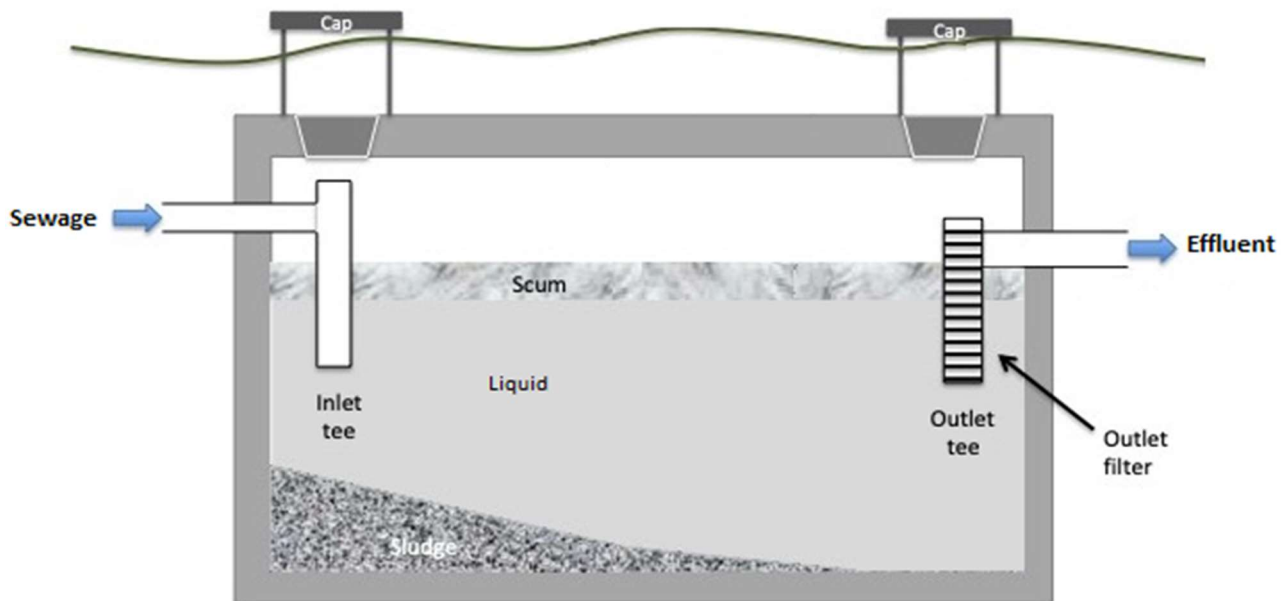


Septic Tank Effluent Filters



A septic tank effluent filter is required for all new conventional septic tank installations after Oct. 2003. This effluent filter is an inexpensive preventative tool. The main purpose of a septic tank filter is to prevent solids from exiting the septic tank and entering the lateral lines. If solids enter the lateral lines there is an increased chance of clogging of the laterals, increased formation of biomatting (black gunk) in the lateral lines, which can cause a premature failure of the septic system. A septic tank filter can generally be retrofitted to existing septic tanks as a preventative measure. No permit is needed to install a new effluent filter.

Maintenance is needed periodically of the effluent filter at intervals based on the use of the system. Discuss the benefits and maintenance of an effluent filter with your wastewater contractor.



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