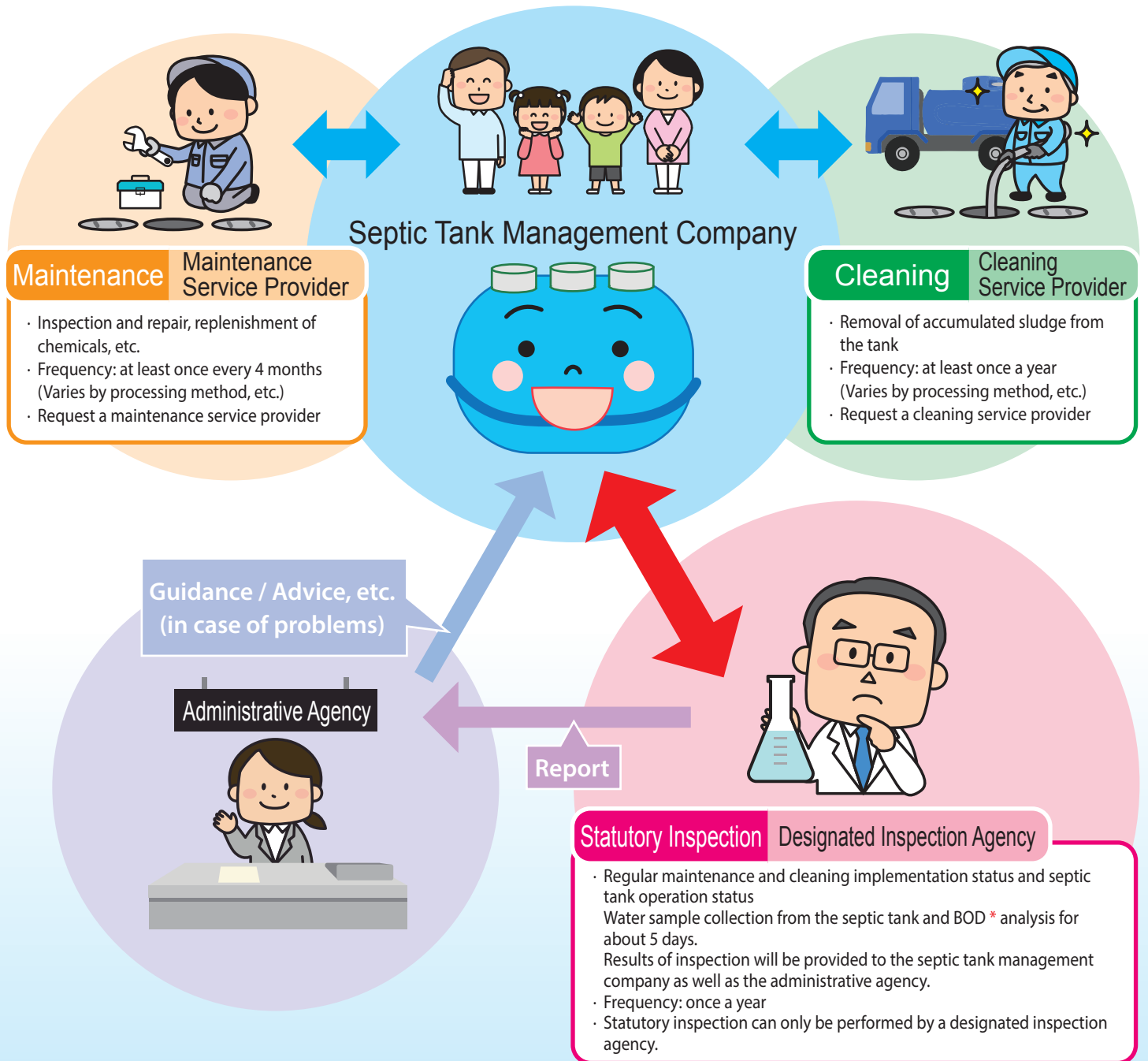


# What is the statutory inspection of septic tanks?

It is an inspection to confirm that the septic tank is working properly and performing its primary function.

Through this inspection, it is possible to determine that the water coming out from septic tanks of homes and business establishments is clean and environmentally friendly.

According to the Purification Tank Act, it is mandatory to undergo statutory inspection by a designated inspection agency once a year, in addition to maintenance and cleaning.



## \* What is BOD?

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) is an index that measures the degree of pollution of wastewater from septic tanks. The lower the value, the cleaner the water.

## ● What happens if the BOD value is high?

This indicates that the water coming out of the septic tank is dirty. This would cause red tide and blue-green algae, and adversely affect the environment.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q** Is it possible for maintenance service providers to conduct the statutory inspection?

**A** No. The statutory inspection can only be conducted by an inspection agency designated by Shizuoka Prefecture.

People conducting the statutory inspection need to ensure reliability, fairness and consistency of the inspection. Hence, prefectural governors are mandated by law to designate an inspection agency.

In Shizuoka Prefecture, the "Shizuoka Prefectural Living Science Inspection Center" is the designated inspection agency authorized to conduct statutory inspections.

**Q** What should I do if the statutory inspection result is not satisfactory?

**A** Please consult with contracted companies dealing with septic tanks and take appropriate measures.

The inspection result submitted by the designated inspection agency has three levels of evaluation: "a. Acceptable", "b. Generally acceptable", and "c. Unacceptable".

If you receive a "c. Unacceptable" evaluation, you may be in violation of the standards set by law. Please consult the appropriate septic tank service provider (cleaning service, maintenance service, septic tank construction company), who can address the evaluation result and take appropriate action.

**Q** What happens if I do not undergo the statutory inspection?

**A** The prefectural government will issue instructions and mandate an inspection. A Prefectural Health and Welfare Center staff will visit you and give instructions.

The statutory inspection is very important in confirming that the septic tank is being maintained properly and its original purification function is working sufficiently.

As mandated by law, the Prefectural Health and Welfare Center will issue instructions if you persistently refuse inspection. In addition, you may be subject to pay penalties up to 300,000 yen. Hence, make sure that you undergo the inspection.

## ● Shizuoka Prefecture's Initiatives

[https://www.pref.shizuoka.jp/kankyoku/ka-050/sui/jyoukasou\\_suishitsu.html](https://www.pref.shizuoka.jp/kankyoku/ka-050/sui/jyoukasou_suishitsu.html)

The information on Shizuoka's initiatives such as "Request for the proper maintenance of septic tanks" and "Reference materials on maintenance of septic tanks" is available on the prefecture's official website under the "To all septic tank users" section. (Search the "Shizuoka Prefecture Septic Tanks")



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## ● Designated Inspection Agency

<https://www.shizuokaseikaken.or.jp/sisetu/jouka.html>

General Incorporated Foundation Shizuoka Prefectural Living Science Inspection Center  
1-1 Shiotsu, Yaizu City, 425-0085 TEL 054-621-5863



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## ● Please contact the nearest administrative agency regarding the following concerns.

- A new septic tank was installed. .... (Septic Tank Installation Notification Form, Septic Tank Usage Commencement Report)
- The septic tank was removed. Has connected to the sewage system... (Notification Form for Termination of Septic Tank Use)
- The person managing the septic tank has changed. .... (Report of Change in Septic Tank Management Company)
- The house is currently unoccupied and not using water. .... (Notification Form for Suspension of Septic Tank Use)

○ Kamo Health and Welfare Center	Environment Section	531-1 Naka, Shimoda City, 415-0016	Tel 0558-24-2053
○ Tobu Health and Welfare Center	Living Environment Section	1-3 Takashimahoncho, Numazu City, 410-8543	Tel 055-920-2135
○ Chubu Health and Welfare Center	Environment Section	362-1 Setoaraya, Fujieda City, 426-0075	Tel 054-644-9268
○ Seibu Health and Welfare Center	Environment Section	3599-4 Mitsuke, Iwata City, 438-8622	Tel 0538-37-2250