

# Why You Should Install Risers on Your Septic System

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What exactly ARE risers in a septic system, what do they do, and how do they work? If you are curious about the inner workings of a septic system, have questions about a recent inspection or just want to learn more, here is an overview of what risers are and why you should have them, provided by All-Clear Septic & Wastewater Services.

Risers are a simple addition to any septic system which make maintenance, inspection, and repair FAR easier and less costly to complete. A riser is a tube of plastic, concrete or other durable material which is placed over the access cover to a septic tank, distribution box, or pump chamber. This tube extends from the top of the tank or box to level with the ground or just below the surface.



This graphic shows a riser which was added to the septic system. It shows how the inspector needs only to remove the riser cover to gain access to the septic tank. You can see in this image how the inspector has direct access to the filter and septic tank to perform his inspection and maintenance of the tank.

The addition of risers makes it easy for inspectors to get onto your property, open and inspect the septic system. Not only does this make the inspector's job easier and less costly, it greatly reduces the impact of the inspection on your property! To properly carry out a septic inspection, the septic tank and distribution box or pump chamber must be opened and visually inspected. With the use of risers, this process is fairly straightforward: The inspector removes the riser cover, removes the tank or distribution box cover, and performs the inspection. The entire process does not take very long, has almost zero impact to your yard and is a big cost savings!

Here is a picture of a septic system with risers which have been cleverly hidden using some very basic landscaping. Using a method similar to this, with a couple plants with shallow roots, not only enables anyone maintaining your



septic system easy access to the tanks, it eliminates any potential aesthetic issues with having two green riser covers popping up in your yard. If done properly, this type of simple landscaping may even become a focal point on your property!



This is a picture of a septic system with only one riser. As you can see, the inspectors required an excavator to dig down to the septic tank and distribution box access covers. This

lack of risers led not only to a pair of large holes being dug in an otherwise nice yard, it more than tripled the time and doubled the cost to complete the inspection!

As you can easily see, it is to your benefit to have risers installed in your septic system, whether it is a new system you are having installed or adding to an existing system during an inspection or maintenance. Installing risers will save you lots of time, money, and lawn work when you have your septic system pumped! Call All-Clear Septic today at 508-763-4431 to have risers installed on your septic system!