

Septic Cost Ranges Guide

Typical US cost ranges for septic work, so you can sanity-check a quote. These are ranges, not quotes.

Typical ranges

Real numbers depend on your system, the soil, access to the tank, and your area. Use these only to understand the ballpark.

Service	Typical range
Septic tank pump-out	\$300 – \$700
Septic inspection (visual)	\$150 – \$500
Full / loaded inspection	\$400 – \$1,100
Tank lid / riser install	\$300 – \$1,000
Baffle or D-box repair	\$400 – \$1,500
Drain field repair	\$2,000 – \$15,000+
Drain field replacement	\$5,000 – \$25,000+
Full system replacement	\$7,000 – \$35,000+

What moves the price

How easy the tank is to find and access (risers make pumping cheaper).

How long since the last pump-out, and whether sludge has reached the drain field.

Your soil type and lot size, which decide whether a conventional or alternative system fits.

Permits, perc testing, and whether a failing drain field needs partial or full replacement.

Before you commit

Get a written quote, ask whether the permit is included, and compare more than one pro. Leachstead matches you, free, with trusted local septic pros so you can compare and choose.

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