How does it all work? :: Aerobic Treatment Units ::

Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU) Systems also rely on pre-treatment to clean effluent before it is sent to the drainfield.

An ATU OSS consists of an ATU component (there are many kinds) instead of, or in addition to, a septic tank and a drainfield.

**Aerobic Treatment Units**

- Typically used where site conditions require a higher level of effluent treatment to protect wells, surface water or shallow ground waters.
- Uses air to speed up the normal waste water treatment process.
- May utilize any type of drainfield system (equal, serial or pressure distribution, or drip).
- Requires an annual Operation & Maintenance contract which includes at least one inspection of the OSS.

For onsite sewage systems approved after July 1, 2007, it will be common to have a pressure distribution or drip irrigation drainfield following the ATU component.