

SEPTIC SYSTEM DO'S AND DON'TS

DO read your operations manual regarding your designed septic system.

DON'T ignore your septic system. Preventing problems is the responsibility of the homeowner, and will benefit you, your community and the environment.

DO repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets.

DON'T use your toilet or sink (garbage disposal) as a trash-can. If something doesn't break down naturally, don't put it down the drain.

DO have your septic tank pumped and inspected every 3 to 5 years by a professional. Also, keep a records of the inspection, repair and pumping.

DON'T park, drive or place any type of building on any part of the septic system as it will lead to soil compaction. The drain field should be left unobstructed with only a grass cover.

DO learn where the septic system and drain field are located as you will need to attempt to keep surface water from driveways, hillsides, sump pumps and house footing drains away from the septic system well.

DON'T allow large animals such as cattle and horse's to graze on or around the leach field.

DO avoid long showers, use water-saving faucets, shower heads and toilets.

DON'T allow any of the following to get into your septic system; paint, solvents, resin, latex, grease, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, oven cleaners, degreasers, pesticides, paper towels, cigarettes, coffee grounds, egg shells or any hazardous material.

DO run washing machine and dishwasher only when you have a full load and use the lowest number of rinse cycles.

DON'T, under any circumstances, attempt to clean or repair your septic system yourself, as there are many health risks involved.

DO purchase appliances with lower water usage rates.

DON'T place cat litter, plastics, hair combings, fat, dental floss, photographic solutions, condoms or gauze bandages, varnishes, thinners or waste oils into your septic system.

DO immediately notify your local Building Department and system designer if system failure occurs

A friendly remainder....a well-maintained septic system can run for decades. An abused or neglected one can fail tomorrow.