

CARING FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

SEPTIC SYSTEM DO LIST

- ◆ Do spread out laundry throughout the day and week
- ◆ Do repair any leaking toilets and faucets
- ◆ Do have your tank pumped every 2 to 3 years
- ◆ If you have an outlet filter, do have it hosed off when the tank is pumped.
- ◆ Do keep your septic tank lids accessible
- ◆ Do minimize the use of your garbage disposal
- ◆ Do keep rain and storm run off away from your drain field
- ◆ Do plant something with small roots over the drain field, such as grass
- ◆ If you have a pressurized system, do check the pump chamber, pump and floats every year and replace or repair any worn or broken parts

SEPTIC SYSTEM DO NOT LIST

- ◆ Do NOT put grease down the drain
- ◆ Do NOT pave, drive, or build on the drainfield or reserve area
- ◆ Do NOT flush anything but toilet paper into your system
- ◆ Do NOT put coffee grounds, cigarette butts, plastics, paper towels, clay, or dental floss down the drains
- ◆ Do NOT plant trees on your drainfield
- ◆ Do NOT use additives – some can damage drainfields
- ◆ Do NOT empty hot tubs or spas into septic system

SIGNS OF SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILURE

- ◆ Water or damp soil in drainfield area
- ◆ Sewage backing up into residence
- ◆ Slow draining toilets, sinks or bathtubs
- ◆ Odors of sewage around septic tank

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