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 bath-tubs
- Odors of sewage around septic tank

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