

# Septic System

## DO'S & DON'TS



### PROTECT & INSPECT IT

Have your system inspected every 3 years  
Have your tank pumped every 3-5 years



### USE YOUR SINK WISELY

Limit garbage disposal use  
Properly dispose of food & coffee grounds  
Put grease in a container in the trash



### AVOID PLUMBING PROBLEMS

Save yourself headaches and expense by ensuring only human waste is flushed down the toilet.



### RESPECT SEPTIC SYSTEM ZONES

Consult a professional before planting near your septic system, and allow the proper distance for trees, shrubs & other landscape.



### USE WATER SPARINGLY

Stagger use of water-generating appliances  
Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures  
Repair water leaks right away



### IGNORE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Saving money by skipping inspections & pumping can wind up costing thousands for repairs.



### ABUSE YOUR SINK

Don't pour grease or oil down the sink or toilet  
Don't rinse coffee grounds down the sink  
Don't pour household chemicals down the sink or toilet



### OVERLOAD THE TOILET

Don't flush non-degradable products or chemicals like feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, or pharmaceuticals



### ENCROACH ON YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Don't park or drive on your drainfield  
Don't plant trees, shrubs or bushes too close to your drainfield. Their roots can cause damage.



### STRAIN YOUR DRAIN

Don't overload your system with a bunch of water at one time. Excess water can force solids into your drainfield, causing problems.