

DO's & DON'T's

These are things you DO want to DO -

Educate yourself on your system, how it is designed and how it works, and any controls and alarm systems it may have

Educate yourself on proper septic maintenance, understand what to expect from your service provider

Educate yourself on the signs of problems and how to troubleshoot those problems, so you know when and who to call for the appropriate service

Educate yourself on your counties requirements, keep records of service and repairs so that you have documentation regarding the operation and maintenance of your system

Have your septic system pumped and inspected on a regular schedule - approximately 2-3 years depending on usage, number of people in the home, size of tank, age of system and type of system

Only put septic friendly material down the drain and just because it says "Septic Safe" does not mean "Septic FRIENDLY" and that it should go into the system, some things are very hard to break down and digest and are better suited for compost or the garbage can

Limit the number of wash loads to 2 or less per day and spread those out during the day, one in the morning and one in the evening

Fix and repair any and all leaking faucets or running toilets immediately

Limit the amounts of hazardous chemicals that are put into the system - chemicals like cleaning products, anti-bacterial products, paint, gasoline, pesticides, etc.

Use liquid detergents - powder detergents have a base of clay, which clogs the pores of your leach field

Use drier sheets as opposed to liquid softeners - liquid softeners add grease and soap residue to your system

Keep the soil treatment area clear of vegetation - mow the grass and weeds over the field regularly and do not plant trees, shrubs, gardens, etc. over or on the field

These are things you DO NOT want to DO -

DO NOT waste your money on additives, enzymes or bugs that they try to sell you on TV, the Internet or some unscrupulous service providers - they are not necessary, they do not necessarily hurt your system,

but they are not needed for your system to function correctly - if you are having issues all the "product" in the world is not going to fix it! We can not stress this enough! If you want to spend money to help your system, go out, have a nice dinner, drink some wine, everything your system needs will be provided for in the morning!

DO NOT put table scraps down the kitchen sink - the use of the garbage disposal is like adding 1 or more persons to the household - raw garbage is very hard to digest!

DO NOT use those very nice, plush, ever-so-soft, toilet tissues - the thicker the toilet tissue the harder it is to digest - they also tend to collect in the baffles and tee's and cause backups in the main inlet line.

DO NOT flush Kleenex, feminine products, BABY WIPES, cleaner cloths, toilet cleaner heads, paper towels, etc. down the toilet - these items DO NOT BREAK DOWN EASILY and can cause congestion in the baffle and tee.