

SEPTIC SYSTEM DO'S AND DON'TS

Do

- Conserve water to reduce the amount of wastewater that must be treated and disposed
- Repair any leaking faucets and toilets
- Only discharge biodegradable wastes into the system
- Divert downspouts and other surface water away from your drainfield
- Keep your septic tank cover accessible for tank inspections and pumping.
- Have your septic tank pumped regularly (every 3 to 5 years) and checked for leaks and cracks
- Call a professional when you have problems
- Compost your garbage or put it in the trash

Don't

- Use a garbage grinder
- Flush sanitary napkins, tampons, disposable diapers, condoms and other non-biodegradable products into your system
- Dump solvents, oils, paints, thinners, disinfectants, pesticides or poisons down the drain which can disrupt the treatment process and contaminate the groundwater
- Dig in your drainfield or build anything over it
- Plant anything over your drainfield except grass
- Drive over your drainfield or compact the soil in any way
- Divert backwash from a water softener to the septic system
- Install a lawn sprinkler system over your septic system