

SEPTIC SYSTEM DOS & DON'TS



DO:



Have your system inspected regularly

Walk your drainfield often to spot signs of failure

Only put water, human waste, toilet paper, & soap down drains

Pump your system when recommended

Check your system for cracks, leaks, and damage

Use concentrated liquid detergents instead of powders

Install risers for easy access to your tanks

Direct sprinklers and drains away from your drainfield

Use dryer sheets instead of liquid fabric softeners

Ensure your tank lids are secure

Conserve water when possible

Spread out loads of laundry and dishes

Learn where your system is located

Fix any leaky fixtures

Use sink strainers to keep food from going down the drain



DON'T:



Ignore sewage surfacing outside

Flush medications, paint, and hazardous chemicals

Drainfield & Reserve Area Don'ts
Plant trees or vegetable gardens

Ignore sewage backing up into your house

Flush diapers, paper towels, wipes, & feminine hygiene products

Park cars or heavy equipment

Do all of your laundry and dishes in one day

Flush pet waste or litter

Allow cattle to roam

Use the garbage disposal

Use septic system additives

Build structures or dig

Use excessive harsh chemicals and detergents

Use more soap and toilet paper than necessary

Install a fire pit