### SEPTIC SYSTEM DOS & DON'TS

**DO:**
- Have your system inspected regularly
- Pump your system when recommended
- Install risers for easy access to your tanks
- Ensure your tank lids are secure
- Learn where your system is located
- Walk your drainfield often to spot signs of failure
- Check your system for cracks, leaks, and damage
- Direct sprinklers and drains away from your drainfield
- Conserve water when possible
- Fix any leaky fixtures
- Only put water, human waste, toilet paper, & soap down drains
- Use concentrated liquid detergents instead of powders
- Use dryer sheets instead of liquid fabric softeners
- Spread out loads of laundry and dishes
- Use sink strainers to keep food from going down the drain

**DON'T:**
- Ignore sewage surfacing outside
- Ignore sewage backing up into your house
- Do all of your laundry and dishes in one day
- Use the garbage disposal
- Use excessive harsh chemicals and detergents
- Flush medications, paint, and hazardous chemicals
- Flush diapers, paper towels, wipes, & feminine hygiene products
- Flush pet waste or litter
- Use septic system additives
- Use more soap and toilet paper than necessary
- Plant trees or vegetable gardens
- Park cars or heavy equipment
- Allow cattle to roam
- Build structures or dig
- Install a fire pit

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