



# A GUIDE TO YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Read and follow the Dos and Don'ts list provided below:

## DOs

- ✓ Conserve water to reduce the amount of wastewater that must be treated and disposed.
- ✓ Repair leaking faucets and toilets promptly.
- ✓ Only discharge biodegradable wastes into system.
- ✓ Divert down spouts and other surface water away from your soil treatment area.
- ✓ Keep your septic tank cover accessible for tank inspections and pumping.
- ✓ Have your effluent screen inspected and cleaned once a year.
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped regularly and inspected for leaks and cracks.
- ✓ Call a professional when you have problems.
- ✓ Compost your garbage or put it in the trash instead of putting it down the sink.
- ✓ Make sure any water conditioning or softening equipment is approved for use with your system and that it is properly set for your water conditioning/softening needs and operating correctly.

## DON'T

- ✓ Flush sanitary napkins, tampons, disposable diapers, condoms, wipes, cat litter and such products into your system.
- ✓ Dump solvents, oils, paints, thinners, disinfectants, pesticides or poisons down the drain; these can disrupt the treatment process and contaminate groundwater.
- ✓ Dig in your soil treatment area or build anything over it.
- ✓ Plant anything over your soil treatment area except grass.
- ✓ Drive over your soil treatment area or compact the soil in any way.
- ✓ Use a garbage disposal unless your septic tank was sized to handle the required sludge storage volume.

## SAFETY FIRST!

- ✓ NEVER physically enter a septic tank or other parts of the treatment system. Call your service provider!
- ✓ Keep access areas locked at all times to prevent unauthorized entry.



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