

# Septic System DOs & DON'Ts

## DO FLUSH:

- ✓ Human waste
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Toilet water

## DO NOT FLUSH:

- × Animal Waste
- × Baby wipes (or wipes of any kind)
- × Car oil or any kind of waste oil
- × Cigarette or cigar butts
- × Coffee grounds
- × Condoms
- × Dental floss
- × Disposable diapers
- × Drain cleaners
- × Fat, grease, and cooking oil
- × Food from sink strainers
- × Gauze or bandages
- × Hair dyes or hair treatment chemicals
- × Hair from shower drains, brushes & combs
- × Kitty or small animal litter
- × Lint or debris removed from laundry filters/screens
- × Medications
- × Mop water
- × Paint or paint thinners
- × Paper or cleaning towels
- × Pesticides
- × Photographic solutions
- × Sanitary napkins or party liners
- × Tampons
- × Varnish
- × Wrappers of any kind

# Septic System TO DO & NOT TO DO

## THINGS TO DO:

- ✓ Avoid doing multiple loads of laundry in a short period of time.
- ✓ Avoid leaving water running when shaving and brushing teeth.
- ✓ Avoid long showers.
- ✓ Fix toilets that continue to run after flushing; this type of leak can easily add several hundred gallons a day to the system.
- ✓ Remove the garbage disposal.
- ✓ Remove water conditioning backwash discharges from the septic system.
- ✓ Use liquid detergents rather than powdered detergents.

## THINGS NOT TO DO:

- × Do not add any septic system cleaners, enzymes or additives.
- × Do not plant trees and shrubs over leach fields.
- × Do not flush personal products, paper towels, wipes or diapers.
- × Do not drive vehicles over leach fields (this will crush the pipes and compact the soil).

***Do you still have questions about system use? Please call! We are here to help!***



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