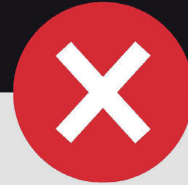


# SEPTIC DO'S & DONT'S

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## **SCHEDULE MAINTENANCE REGULARY**

Your system won't function properly without regular maintenance and pumping. Pumping is a fraction of the cost of replacing your whole system. Schedule a maintenance check every 1 to 3 years, depending on what type of system you have.



## **COMPOST FOODWASTE, FATS & OILS**

Limit the amount of fats, oils, and food waste entering your system. Solids require you to pump your system more frequently. Fats and oils clog your pipes and increase the amount of scum in your system. Food waste can't break down properly and will clog your drain field. Compost your food waste instead.



## **MINIMIZE RAINWATER RUNOFF**

Divert water away from the septic tank and drain field. Excessive water keeps the soil in the drain field from naturally cleansing the wastewater.



## **KEEP BACTERIA WORKING**

Overuse of chlorine, antibacterial soap, disinfectants, acids, lye, medicines, pesticides and paint will destroy vital organisms in your septic system. Safely dispose of these items at a household hazardous waste facility.



## **FLUSH THINGS THAT WON'T DEGRADE**

Dispose of wipes, flushable wipes, coffeegrinds, diapers, bones, tampons, napkins, papertowels, cigarette butts, floss and any packaging in the trash, never in your toilet.



## **IGNORE WARNING SIGNS**

Signs include pipes draining slowly or gurgling, sewage smell, water backing up in sinks, showers and increased standing or soggy water over your drainfield.



## **USE UNNECESSARY ADDITIVES**

Studies show that additives do not offer any benefits for your system.



## **DAMAGE YOUR DRAINFIELD**

Avoid planting large trees or driving on or near your septic tank or drainfield.

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