

Proper Operation and Maintenance of your Septic System

Repair all leaky faucets, fixtures, and appliances immediately.

Dispose of harsh cleaners, solvents, paints solvents, and unwanted medications through other means. Do not let wash water from latex paint on brushes or rollers go into the septic system.

Keep grease, lint, food, cigarette butts, paper towels, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, coffee grounds, plastics, and other solids out of the system.

Install filter on washer to remove lint.

Distribute you water volume usage evenly throughout the week to avoid overloading the system with large volumes of water.

Use liquid detergents only. Powdered detergents add clay particles to the sludge. Use bleach and other household cleaners sparingly.

Do not use additives to ‘enhance’ or ‘improve’ the septic system.

Route chlorine treated water from swimming pools and hot tubs out of the septic system.

Route roof drains and sump pump water from basements out of the septic system.

Do not use “every flush” toilet bowl disinfectants that are placed in the tank or the bowl.

Have your septic tank pumped at least every three years. Check the baffle in the tank at this time.

Check and clean the effluent filter every year.

Any pumps and motors that are a part of your septic system needs to checked every year for proper operation.

Do not plant trees or shrubs or drive or erect buildings over the septic system area.

Certain medications can affect your system.