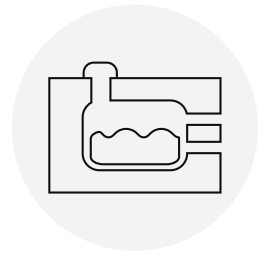


SEPTIC GUIDE



A NEW HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO GOING WITH THE FLOW

KEEP YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM WORKING PROPERLY!



1. Think 3 P's: Flush only Poop, Pee, and toilet Paper.
2. Locate your septic tank and leach bed. Keep a drawing of these locations in your records.
3. Have your septic system inspected and pumped regularly (generally, every two to four years).
4. Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets (cleaning chemicals, bleach, oils, etc.).
5. Keep other household items, such as dental floss, feminine hygiene products, condoms, diapers, and cat litter out of your system.
6. Use water efficiently.
7. Spread Dish and laundry loads out throughout the week. Keep from overloading the system in a single day.
8. Liquid Dish and Laundry soap is better than powdered soap or pods.
9. Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the system. Also, do not apply manure or fertilizers over the leach bed.
10. Vegetable gardens should not be planted over the system.
11. Keep vehicles, livestock, and pools off your septic system. The weight can damage the pipes and tank, and your system may not drain properly.
12. Keep gutters, basement sump pumps, and water softeners from draining into or near your septic system.
13. Check with your local health department before using additives. Commercial septic tank additives do not eliminate the need for periodic pumping and can be harmful to your system.
14. A garbage disposal is installed. Typically garbage disposals are not recommended with septic systems as they put additional stress on the system and introduce fats and grease into the tank.