

Tips to avoid trouble

- Keep all toxic and hazardous chemical out of your septic tank system. Paints, varnishes, thinners, oil, pesticides and other organic chemicals can destroy the biological digestion taking place in you system.
- Plastics, cat litter, cigarette filters, condoms, tampons, paper towel, diapers, and facial tissues should not be disposed of in your septic tank. This causes them to fill your tank more quickly. They can also clog the sewer line.
- Don't dump grease, fats or oils from the kitchen into the system. They can also cause blockages. Use boiling water instead of harmful chemicals or a snake to clean drains
- Many commercial septic tank additives, septic tanks cleansers, yeast or sugar can actually harm the septic system. Additives are no substitute for proper maintenance.
- Conserve water to avoid overloading the septic system. Repair any leaky faucets or toilets.
- Keep roof drains, basement sump pump drains and rainwater or surface water drainage systems away from your absorption field. Flooding the field with excessive water will keep the soil from naturally cleansing the wastewater, which can lead to surface water or groundwater pollution.