

## **Septic System Care**

### **Never Dispose any of the following into the Septic System:**

- Fats, greases and oils.
- Herbicides, pesticides, or any other toxins.
- Household chemicals, paints, mop water, automobile fluids, drain cleaners.
- Bandages, cat litter, cigarette butts, coffee grounds, condoms, diapers, feminine hygiene products, flushable wipes, hair, paper towels, rags, wrappers and other non-biodegradable items.
- Citrus products, grapefruit, lemons, oranges, etc.
- Antibiotics, home brewery waste and medicines.
- Discharge from water softeners, Hot Tubs and Gutter Down Spouts.

### **Septic Operation**

- Spread laundry throughout the week. Multiple loads or half loads are not recommended
- Recommended detergents are low-sudsing, low phosphate and biodegradable (preferably liquid).
- Use garbage disposal sparingly. Dispose of food waste, grease, etc., in the trash or compost. Food waste represents additional loading on the Septic System to digest, increasing pump out intervals
- Recommended cleaning products are non-chlorine, biodegradable and non-toxic.
- Use water-conserving devices where possible.

### **Other Helpful Septic Tips**

- Keep vegetation under control over Drain Field and components. (grass is preferred)
- Do not drive or park on drain field or other Septic components.
- Keep Septic lids, hatches and components accessible.
- Regularly check for leaky faucets and toilets and fix immediately if detected.
- Keep Gutter Down Spout Drains diverted away from Septic components to prevent water infiltration.

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