

# 10 Simple Steps for Septic System Maintenance

## Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, dental floss, diapers, condoms, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals, fat, grease, paints, etc.

## Do:

- Dispose of these items in a trash can or at a proper disposal facility

## Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines

## Do:

- Have your septic system inspected annually and your drainfield identified and mapped

## Don't:

- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it

## Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic system

## Don't:

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time

## Do:

- Conserve water to avoid overloading the system. Be sure to repair any leaky faucets or toilets

## Don't

- Make or allow repairs to your septic system without professional help or without obtaining the required health department permit

## Do:

- Call a professional whenever you experience problems with your system, or if there signs of system failure



