

Do's & Don'ts

For owners of Aerobic Wastewater Treatment Systems

The following "do's and don'ts" should be practiced by the homeowner:

1. Medicines: If anyone in your house hold is ingesting strong medicines; antibiotics, chemotherapy or other, the health of your "bug colony" may be jeopardized.
2. Do not dispose of grease, fats, and oils
3. Do not dispose of pesticides, herbicides, or any other toxins.
4. The garbage disposal should be used sparingly. Food waste, grease, etc. should be disposed of in the solid waste bin. Food waste represents additional loading the Aerobic Treatment Unit would have to digest, increasing pump out intervals.
5. Do not dispose of paints, household chemicals, automobile fluids, or discard mop water into the system.
6. Do not dispose of non-biodegradable items such as cigarette butts, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, condoms, hair, coffee grounds, paper towels, bandages, etc.
7. Wash loads must be spread out over the week. More than three wash loads per day is not recommended. Never use laundry detergents with "built-in" bleach.
8. Do not dispose of citrus products (oranges, lemons, grapefruit, etc.)
9. Do not use drain cleaners or additives for septic system like "Rid-X" or similar products.
10. Do not connect other water sources to the system.
11. Water softener discharge kills the micro-organisms in your wastewater treatment system.
12. Do not dispose of strong disinfectants or bleacher, such as "Clorox," "Lysol" or "Pine-Sol." Anti-bacterial soaps should be avoided.
13. Recommended detergents are low-sudsing, low in phosphates, and biodegradable, with washing soda ingredients. Fabric softener dryer sheet are recommended.
14. Recommended cleaning products are non-chlorine, biodegradable, non-toxic and non-corrosive.