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Onsite Systems / Septic Systems / Grease Traps

What to do to help your system:

Make sure you are aware of the types and amounts of extra waste materials that are poured down the drain. Garbage disposals usually double or even triple the amount of solids added to the tank. Therefore, do not use garbage disposal or dump coffee grounds in the sink. Increasing the load of solids into the tank decreases the capacity.

Do not pour cooking greases, oils, and fats down the drain. Grease hardens in the septic tank and accumulates until it clogs the inlet or outlet. Grease poured down the drain with hot water may flow through the septic tank and clog soil pores completely. This will cause the leach field to work very slowly and the water will rise to the surface before the purification process is complete.

Do not add "enzymes, surfactants or any other liquefying chemicals" to your system. These do not improve how well your system works. In fact, these types of additives can damage your system by breaking up the sludge and scum layers, causing solids (grease, oil, phosphates etc.) to flush out of the tank and clog the infiltration bed.

Pesticides, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants, poisons, and other household chemicals should not be dumped down the drain into a septic system because they kill the bacteria in the septic tank and the soil microorganisms that help purify the sewage in the leach field. Also, some organic chemicals will flow untreated through the septic tank and the soil, thus contaminating the underlying groundwater.

Put paper towels, tissue, cigarette butts, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons and other material in a trash can, not the toilet. **Use Septic Toilet Paper only.**

The drain field has also been called the nitrification field or the soil absorption field. The sole purpose of the drainfield is to deliver wastewater to the soil. The soil purifies the wastewater by removing the germs and chemicals before they reach the groundwater or any adjacent surface waters such as rivers, lakes and estuaries.

Summary:

Do not have a garbage disposal hooked into a grease trap, septic system or a combination unit.

Do not pour greases or oils down the drain or toilets.

Do not add emulsifiers, surfactants, enzymes or any other liquefying chemical down the drain or toilets.

Do not put pesticides, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants, poisons, and other household chemicals down the drain or toilets.

Do not put paper towels, tissue, cigarette butts, disposable diapers, prophylactics, sanitary napkins or tampons down the drain or toilets.

Do not use standard toilet paper. **Use Septic Toilet Paper only.** It breaks down quickly.

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