

Septic System Dos and Don'ts

Dear Owners and Residents,

As you may already be aware, Ocean Meadowa has recently experienced clogs in our septic system due to inappropriate disposal of items. Not only is this an inconvenience to residents, but future instances could result in basement flooding or irreparable damage to the system, possibly necessitating a new pump.

Our septic system is one of our largest investments. Your due diligence in following the dos and don'ts is appreciated, and can save the association and YOU a lot of money.

Please carefully review the following important information with all residents.



DOS

- DO** use liquid detergent
- DO** use non-abrasive household cleaning products
- DO** use environmentally safe products
- DO** install water saving devices, where applicable
- DO** use small amounts of bleach when cleaning toilets, etc.
- DO** contact a licensed plumber for any clogs or other plumbing problems

DON'TS

- DON'T** use a garbage disposal (it is harmful to the septic system)
- DON'T** dispose anything non-biodegradable in toilets (i.e., cigarettes, sanitary napkins, etc.)
- DON'T** wash paint brushes used in latex or oil paint
- DON'T** allow any paint, thinners to go down sink or toilet
- DON'T** allow any grease or fat to enter system
- DON'T** dispose bones, egg shells, coffee grounds, etc. in the sink
- DON'T** use powdered detergents with phosphates
- DON'T** use any drain cleaners
- DON'T** use any enzymes
- DON'T** use any grease dissolvers
- DON'T** try to unclog drains or fix other plumbing problems by yourself

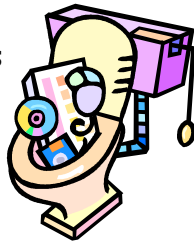
Septic System Don'ts Continued...

Please be careful what you put down the sink and flush down the toilet. Below are some common items that should not go into a sewage system:

DON'T FLUSH IT!

No Plastic/Latex

- Wrappers
- Feminine Product Covers
- Lids/Liners/Rings
- Condoms
- Band-Aids



DON'T SINK IT!

No Grease

- Fats
- Butter
- Wax
- Cheese
- Heavy Cream



No Paper/Materials

(OTHER THAN TOILET PAPER)

- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels/Towelettes
- Facial Tissues
- Napkins
- Gauze
- Dental Floss
- Matches
- Feminine Products/Paper Covers



No Liquid Wastes

- Pesticides
- Dain Cleaners
- Household Chemicals (unless specified safe for septic systems)
- Paints
- Paint Thinners
- Photographic Solutions
- Solvents
- Oils
- Bleach

Other No Flush Items

- All Medicines
- Coffee Grounds
- Cigarettes
- Leftover Food
- Hair Clippings
- Kitty Litter/Pet Waste
- Grease/Oils/Solvents
- Bleach

Other Nos For the Sink

- Coffee Grounds
- Food Waste

