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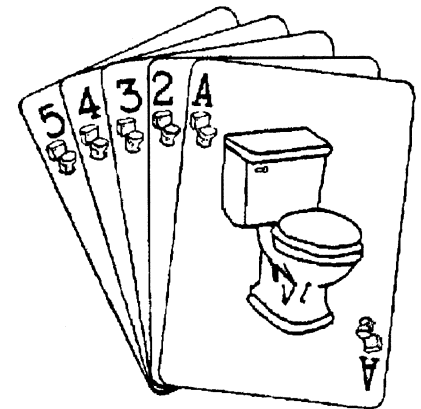
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**Top Ten Septic Tips**



*A Straight Flush  
Beats A Full House*

1. ***Pump your tank every two and a half to three years if you have a family of four or more; and every five years for couples only or for vacation homes.*** Insist that the pumper clean your tank, all chambers, through the man-holes located on top of your tank. This is the only way to make sure that all solids and sludge have been removed.

2. ***Keep kitchen grease out of your septic system.*** It does not break down easily and can clog the inlet pipe to the septic tank.

3. ***Space out laundry loads over the course of the week and wash only full loads.*** The average load of laundry uses 47 gallons of water. One load per day, rather than seven loads on Saturday, makes a big difference to your septic system.

4. ***Install low usage water fixtures.*** By installing low water usage shower heads (2.5 gal/min), toilets (1.6 gal), dishwashers (5.3 gal) and washing machines (14 gal), an average family can reduce the amount of water entering the system by 20,000 gallons per year. Low flow shower heads and toilets can be purchased at your local hardware store.

Water saving dishwashers and washing machines can be purchased at better appliance stores.

5. ***Set your water softener to recharge as infrequently as comfortable.*** The briny water can affect the bacterial function in the tank.

6. ***Use liquid laundry detergent.*** Powdered detergents use clay as a carrier. This clay can plug the drainfield.

7. ***Minimize the amount of household cleaners (bleach, harsh cleansers) entering the system.*** Normal usage of cleansers is expected; however, if you do lots of painting or staining, do not ever allow it to enter your septic system.

8. ***Do not use automatic toilet bowl cleaners, such as 2,000 flushes.*** The continuous slow release of these chemicals into the system kills the micro-organisms which treat your waste water.

9. ***You don't need to put special additives into your septic system.*** However, bacteria is helpful

if you are on many medications, and root killer in the leach field will help stunt the growth of roots from surrounding bushes and trees.

10. ***Rule #1:*** If you wouldn't eat it, or haven't already eaten it, it shouldn't go into the septic tank.

***Regular maintenance of your septic system is the key to preserving your leachfield.***

**\*\*The average life of a septic system is 15-25 years. By following the above tips, you will extend the life of your system.**

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