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How to be Septic Green



Septic Love & Care

Green Septic Systems? Yes, it can easily be done. Your home septic system is composed of only two basic components: A septic tank and a disposal area. Each is an integral function in the treatment & disposal of domestic wastewater resulting from laundry and bathing, kitchen wastes and body wastes. This relatively simple system of wastewater renovation can effectively remove disease-causing pathogens and chemical nutrients from domestic wastewater for the life of the home when properly designed, constructed, operated and maintained. So how do you properly maintain an existing septic system? Think Green!

Sewage which enters the septic tank is retained for a short time during which it breaks down into scum, sludge and liquid effluent. Most solid matter will settle to the bottom as sludge while buoyant grease, fats and hair will float to the surface and form a scum layer. Between these two layers is a clear liquid effluent which drains into the disposal area. The solids in the tank will be digested and converted into gases by microorganisms such as bacteria. This bacteria needs a “green” environment to function & do their job properly. That is where you as the homeowner come in to keep this bacteria happy & healthy.

 Don’t send bacteria-killing toxins down the drain. These include: Drain cleaners, antibacterial soaps, disinfectants, bleaches-whiteners, discarded medications and the worse one-paint! Which clogs both the septic tank & disposal area.

 Don’t send anything down the drain that can’t be broken down. It will clog the disposal area. Cooking grease, cigarette butts, paints, coffee grinds and feminine products.

 Don’t install a garbage disposal. If you already have one use it sparingly or disconnect it.

NON-DEGRADABLES: Grease, disposable diapers, plastics, cigarettes, baby wipes, feminine products, cat litter, cotton balls/swabs, dental floss, medications/vitamins, lint and hair.

POISONS: Gasoline, oil, paint thinner, paint, pesticides, antifreeze, bleach, mop water, drain cleaners.

Try these green-cleaning items from your pantry or medicine cabinet or buy products that are safe for the environment like Simply Green, Mrs. Meyers or Method cleansers/products.

Try these helpful hints for using five non-toxic cleaners:

Vinegar: Cleaning glass: Use it like a store bought spray.

Removing soap & or hard-water build-up: Put tissues over the stained area; pour vinegar. Let sit for 30 minutes; scrub, rinse and buff dry with soft cloth.

Baking Soda: For banishing stinky odors: Sprinkle a few tablespoons into sneakers or empty gym bags, leave overnight, then shake out excess in am.

Pour a liberal amount in trash can before putting a new bag in.

3 Percent Hydrogen Peroxide: For killing mildew on tiles and cleaning plastic cutting boards: Pour enough to cover area, let sit ½ hour, scrub, rinse and dry.

Isopropyl Alcohol: For erasing fingerprints from chrome & stainless steel and cleaning cell phones (but not their screens) Wipe with an alcohol-dampened microfiber cloth.

Salt: For scrubbing gunk off wooden cutting boards, glass baking dishes and pet bowls: Sprinkle a healthy amount on a damp sponge, scrub, rinse off and wipe dry.

Thinking and acting green can be less expensive and better for the environment,

our families and pets.

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