

DON'T allow anyone to drive or park over any part of the system. The area over the drainfield should be left undisturbed with only a mowed grass cover. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs may clog and damage your drain lines.

DON'T make or allow repairs to your septic system without obtaining the required health department permit. Use professional licensed septic contractors when needed.

DON'T use commercial septic tank additives. These products usually do not help and some may hurt your system in the long run.

DON'T use your toilet as a trash can by dumping nondegradables down your toilet or drains. Also, don't poison your septic system and the groundwater by pouring harmful chemicals down the drain. They can kill the beneficial bacteria that treat your wastewater. Keep the following materials out of your septic system:

Record of Service

Date	Work Done	Contractor

For More Information

A videotape version of this brochure, also entitled "Your Septic System: A Guide for Homeowners," is available through the EPA Small Flows Clearinghouse. Call 1-800-624-8301. Residents of Northern Virginia can contact their public libraries or local health department for this video.

For more information about maintenance or inspection of your septic system, contact your local health department.

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YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

for Homeowners

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NONDEGRADABLES:
grease, disposable
diapers, plastics, etc

POISONS:
gasoline, oil, paint,
paint thinner, pesticides,
antifreeze, etc.

