

Bathroom



❌ DON'T

- ❌ Use automatic toilet bowl cleaners.
- ❌ Use anti-bacterial products
- ❌ Put paper towel, tissue, hair, wipes (*even ones marked 'flushable'*), or feminine products (*no tampons*) down the toilet.
- ❌ Put anything down the toilet other than natural waste and toilet paper.

✓ DO

- ✓ Use non- antibacterial soap.
- ✓ Use biodegradable cleaners (phosphate and chlorine free).
- ✓ add ½ cup of **ecoethic Septic Treatment** to toilet monthly.
- ✓ Limit the amount of toilet paper used.
- ✓ Conserve water to avoid overload to septic system.

*Septic systems need bacteria to properly function, thus anti-bacterial products are not good for the system.

Your system can only handle the volume of water and waste from the number of people it was designed for!

#of bedrooms x 2 people = capacity

*The toilet, sink and shower are connected to the septic tank, a system of tanks that allows waste to filter 'slowly' into the ground.

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Garbage Disposal



DON'T

- X** Burn garbage.
- X** Feed wildlife.
- X** Leave garbage outside, unless in an animal-proof container.
- X** Leave any scented products outdoors.
- X** Leave pet food outside.

✓ **DO**

- ✓ Reduce, reuse, recycle!
- ✓ Rinse out bottles, jars and containers before putting them in the recycling box.
- ✓ Check local dump hours to dispose of waste.
- ✓ Pick up pet waste using a biodegradable bag.

*Wild animals cannot depend on you for their food source. Please do not feed the animals or leave your garbage outside.

*Recycling is mandatory in Haliburton County.

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Kitchen



❌ DON'T

- X** Use anti-bacterial products as the septic system needs bacteria.
- X** Pour fats, oils and grease down the drain.
- X** Use chlorine bleach.
- X** Use chemical drain openers/cleaners

All of these are harmful to the septic system.

✓ DO

- ✓ Use phosphate free cleaning products.
- ✓ Wash dishes with phosphate free detergents.
- ✓ Run the dishwasher only when completely full.
- ✓ Use **ecoethic Septic Treatment** to keep drains running well

*Any product that has any warning symbols or hazardous ingredient warnings should generally be avoided.

To Unclog Drains

* Add 1 tablespoon of **ecoethic Septic Treatment** mixed in a cup of warm water – leave overnight

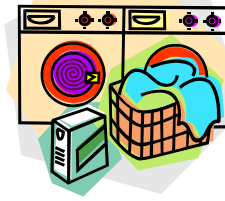
*or Use 1 cup baking soda followed by 3 cups boiling water

ecoethic Septic Treatment - available at Organic Times in Minden & Northern Expressions
Haliburton

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Laundry



❌ DON'T

- X Do more than 1 laundry load per day.
- X Use chlorine bleach.
- X Take a shower or bath the same time as doing laundry.
- X Use Liquid Fabric Softener

✓ DO

- ✓ Use washing soda or oxygen bleach instead of chlorine bleach.
- ✓ Use biodegradable, phosphate free detergents.
- ✓ Use peroxide stain removers.
- ✓ Wait for laundry load to finish before draining a bath or taking a shower.

*Be aware of how much water is going into the septic system as it cannot handle large volumes of water at one time.

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*Using washing soda or oxygen bleach in your laundry will not only whiten and brighten your clothes, but also help to keep the septic system healthy.

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