

# SIMPLE SEPTIC TIPS TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN

**FACT:** Efficient Septic Systems Pollute Less —————> What Your Septic System Needs: **Time & Bacteria**

**In order for GOOD Bacteria to work: Don't let 'bacteria killers' down the drain. They kill the good bacteria in your system. Don't let these 'bacteria killers' down the drain:**



- a. Chlorine Bleach & products containing chlorine
- b. Anti-Bacterial Soaps & Products
- c. Dishwasher Detergent containing chlorine (*most brands do!*)
- d. Dishwasher Rinse Aids (*Tip: use lemon juice instead*)
- e. Cream Cleansers – most have chlorine (*see a.*)
- f. Drain Cleaners
- g. Automatic Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- h. Liquid fabric softeners

**DID YOU KNOW...**



It only takes ONE load of dishes using a regular detergent to kill ALL the good bacteria in your system for up to 4 days!

## TIPS:

- Use Septic Friendly Products  
(*look for packages saying: no chlorine & no phosphates*)
- Never use a garburator
- If soap, toilet paper or cooking grease get down your drain or anyone in the house is on antibiotics – use EcoEthic Septic Treatment once a month to provide your system with the correct bacteria and enzymes to digest these items

## TIME TIPS



*Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives.*

*Remember: **One Drop In = One Drop Out** Of Your System*

**Give your system time by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It Out Over Time**

1. Your septic system is sized to handle 2 people for every bedroom – not more
2. Cut your household water use by 27% by installing an Ultra Low flow – 3 litres per flush
3. Try not to do more than ONE load of laundry per day
4. Keep showers short & use a low flow shower head
5. Use every opportunity to use less water when doing regular activities
6. Get a licensed septic pumper to pump out and inspect both sides of your tank every 3-5 years.



### EcoEthic SEPTIC TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE AT:

- **The Country Bakery**  
Carnarvon, *Just north of the intersection of Hwy. 35 & 118*
- **Northern Expressions**  
13588 Hwy #118, Haliburton
- **Paudash Lake Marina**  
1320 McGillivray Rd, Bancroft



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