

GUESTS AT THE LAKE?

Protect Your Investment And Your Lake.

HERE ARE 3 SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS:

1. Ensure that you do not have an overcapacity crowd in your cottage

$$\text{Capacity} = \# \text{ of bedrooms} \times 2$$

FOR EXAMPLE: A 3 bedroom cottage should not have more than 6 overnight occupants.

IF YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE THAN THAT:

- RAW SEWAGE enters your tile bed and the water table
- you have to REPLACE your tile bed COSTING thousands of dollars and your lake becomes POLLUTED.

2. Post the C.H.A. Guest Posters in the Kitchen, Washroom, Laundry Room and Garbage Areas

Help your guests who may not be used to lake life and septic systems with practical tips:



3. Let your guests know that you are part of a lake community

Many people come to the lake for the peace and tranquility – ask them, kindly, that they respect this fact – particularly after dark.

BATHROOM

DON'T

- ✗ Use automatic toilet bowl cleaners.
- ✗ Use anti-bacterial products.
- ✗ Put paper towels, tissues, 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.
- ✓ Conserve water to avoid overloading the 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!
$$\# \text{ of Bedrooms} \times 2 \text{ People} = \text{Capacity}$$
- 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

- ✗ Burn garbage.
- ✗ Feed wildlife.
- ✗ Leave garbage outside, unless in an animal-proof container.
- ✗ Leave any scented products outdoors.
- ✗ 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

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

...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.
- ✓ Use lemon juice instead of rinse aids.

- 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, Minden & Northern Expressions, Haliburton



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LAUNDRY

DON'T

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

DO

- ✓ Use washing soda or oxygen (non-chlorinated) bleach instead.
- ✓ 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.
- Your system can only handle the volume of water and waste from the number of people it was designed for!
$$\# \text{ of Bedrooms} \times 2 \text{ People} = \text{Capacity}$$
- 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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