

Congratulations on your new home!

Your real estate agent or builder has given you this brochure because your new home has a septic system.

Many people are not familiar with septic systems, so we hope this brochure will help you keep your system in good shape and working properly.

There are a few things to keep in mind that are different when you have a septic system and are not connected to a municipal sewer system.

Have a look at the Dos and Don'ts on this page, and feel free to give us a call if you have any questions about the maintenance of your system.

You can also find more detailed information on our website, www.kingfishpumping.com.

Do

- Familiarize yourself with the location of your system
- Test your well water at least 3 times per year (spring, summer & fall)
- If you have an effluent filter, clean it at least once a year (although spring and fall would be best). If you don't have one, consider adding one
- Conserve water to minimize the amount of wastewater going through your system
 - Repair leaky plumbing fixtures
 - Install low-flush toilets
 - Take shorter showers or install water-saving fixtures
 - Use eco options on dishwasher & washing machine
- Have your septic tank emptied regularly by a licensed pumping company.
- The frequency depends on the number of residents. An approximate guideline is:
 - every 4 years for 3 people;
 - every 3 years for 4 people;
 - every 2 years for 5 people;
 - yearly if more than 5 people.

Don't

- Do not pour oil, grease, food waste, hazardous chemicals or paint down your drain
- Don't do all your laundry in one day, space out the use of dishwashers, showers and washing machines so the weeping bed has time to absorb the water
- Do not drive or park on your septic tank or weeping bed
- Do not plant shrubs or trees on or near your septic tank or weeping bed
- Don't flush sanitary pads, tampons, cigarette butts, condoms, wet wipes (even "flushable" ones), etc.
- Flush only the 3 Ps: pee, poo, and (toilet) paper

