

Bathroom



❌ DON'T

- ❑ Use automatic toilet bowl cleaners.
- ❑ Use anti-bacterial hand soap.
- ❑ Put paper towel, tissue, hair, baby 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).
- ❑ Use peroxide cleaners.
- ❑ Limit the amount of toilet paper used.
- ❑ Conserve water to avoid overload to septic system.

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

*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.

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.

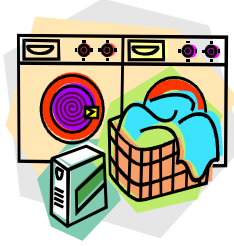
*Any product that has any warning symbols or hazardous ingredient warnings should generally be avoided.

*Use 1 cup baking soda followed by 3 cups boiling water (plus 1 cup vinegar if needed) for unclogging drains, instead of commercial products.

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Laundry



❌ DON'T

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

✓ DO

- ❑ Use washing soda or oxygen bleach instead of chlorine bleach.
- ❑ Use 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.

*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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