





Following the advice below will protect the health of the visitors, employees and the septic system.

Problems	Consequences	Solutions
Food Scraps and Grease		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food scraps ■ Fats, oils and greases 	<p>Difficult for bacteria to break down. Septic tanks may require more pump outs. Grease can clog the system.</p>	<p>Don't use in-sink garbage disposal. Don't pour oils or fats down the drains. Scrape food off dishes before washing. Pour liquid oil from pans and fryers into a covered container for disposal.</p> 
Chemicals		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pesticides ■ Prescription drugs ■ Antifreeze 	<p>Chemicals kill the bacteria and may contaminate the groundwater and well water.</p>	<p>Don't flush fabrics or disinfectant wipes down the toilet. Don't pour chemicals down the drain. Direct water softener backwash away from septic system.</p>
Hydraulic Overload		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Too much water flowing into the septic tanks at once 	<p>Too much water pushes solids out of septic tanks without a chance to be broken down.</p>	<p>Wash only full loads of clothes or dishes. Spread laundry washing over several days. Don't dump RV waste into septic tanks. Fix leaky fixtures.</p> 
Paints		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Paints ■ Solvents 	<p>Kills living bacteria, covers and clogs pipes and disposal field.</p>	<p>Don't pour paints or solvents down the drain.</p> 
Disinfectants		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bleach ■ Chlorine 	<p>Kills the bacteria in the septic tanks preventing proper and complete treatment of sewage.</p>	<p>Limit the use of anti-bacterial products and disinfectants. Use chlorine-free cleaning products such as vinegar, baking soda and peroxide.</p> 
Landscaping		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heavy objects on top of system 	<p>May damage pipes, components or compact the soil.</p>	<p>Don't drive automobiles or equipment heavier than a riding lawn mower over the system. Don't place any structures on it.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Impermeable disposal bed cover 	<p>Prevents necessary evaporation of groundwater.</p>	<p>Don't cover disposal area with concrete or asphalt. Do cover the area with grass.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Re-grading the disposal bed 	<p>May cause water to pond on top or be directed in undesirable directions</p>	<p>Don't re-grade your property without consulting your installer.</p> 