



## **Do's and Don'ts – Septic Tank**



### **DO:**

- Read the label on ALL household cleaning products and use the manufacturers recommended doses
- Think before you put anything down the sink, toilet or drains
- Use cleaning products little and often so that the plant is not overloaded to ensure correct operation of the plants bio micro system is not interrupted or better yet killed off by the overloading of chemicals
- Spread your clothes washing throughout the week
- Stick to the same washing and dishwasher powders and other cleaning products – the bacteria in the plant will work more efficiently with products they are used to
- Use liquid cleaners for clothes washing and for dishwashers
- Tell your residents/guests/staff that you have a specialist septic tank and tell them how they can avoid harming it



### **DON'T:**

- Put sanitary towels/tampons/disposable nappies/baby wipes/incontinence pads/cotton wool etc down the toilet
- Pour garden chemicals or car engine oil down the drains
- Change your oil in your chip pan and pour down the sink
- Over flush the toilet unnecessarily – use a water saving flush if it is fitted
- Keep changing your brands of household cleaners and washing powders
- Have a 'washing day' – spread your washing throughout the week
- Pour grease and fat from cooking down the drains or sinks
- Spring clean and use large amounts of cleaners and chemicals in one day
- Use household bleach and other strong chemicals indiscriminately
- Tip bottles of medicine or mouthwash etc down the sink or toilet
- Use your waste disposal unit like a rubbish bin – use it sparingly

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