

SIMPLE SEPTIC TIPS TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN

FACT: Efficient Septic Systems Pollute Less → What Your Septic System Needs: **Time & Bacteria**

In order for GOOD Bacteria to work: Don't let 'bacteria killers' down the drain. They kill the good bacteria in your system. Don't let these 'bacteria killers' down the drain:



- a. Chlorine Bleach & Products Containing Bleach
- b. Anti-Bacterial Soaps & Products
- c. Dishwasher Detergent containing bleach (*most brands do!*)
- d. Dishwasher Rinse Aids (*Tip: use lemon juice instead*)
- e. Cream Cleansers – most have bleach (*see a.*)
- f. Drain Cleaners
- g. Automatic Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- h. Liquid fabric softeners

DID YOU KNOW...



It only takes ONE load of dishes using a regular detergent to kill ALL the good bacteria in your system for up to 4 days!

TIPS:

- Use Septic Friendly Products (*look for packages saying: no bleach & no phosphates*)
- Never use a garburator
- If soap, toilet paper or cooking grease get down your drain or anyone in the house is on antibiotics – use EcoEthic Septic Treatment once a month to provide your system with the correct bacteria and enzymes to digest these items

EcoEthic Septic Treatment is Available at Organic Times, 124 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden and Northern Expressions, 13588 Hwy #118, Haliburton

TIME TIPS

Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives.

Remember: One Drop In = One Drop Out Of Your System

Give your system time by **Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It Out Over Time**

1. Your septic system is sized to handle 2 people for every bedroom – not more
2. Cut your household water use by 27% by installing an Ultra Low flow toilet – 3 litres per flush
3. Try not to do more than ONE load of laundry per day
4. Keep showers short & use a low flow shower head
5. Use every opportunity to use less water when doing regular activities
6. Get a licensed septic pumper to pump out and inspect both sides of your tank every 3-5 years.



For great entertainment and more info watch the "Poop Talk" Lake Protectors Video at www.cohpoa.org

