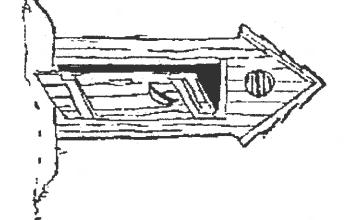
### Record of Service

Installation Date	Type of System	Capacity
Contractor	Phone Number_	
DATE	WORK DONE	CONTRACT

## Your New Septic

#### System

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# BURIED SAND FILTER - DOs & DON'Ts

DO know the location of the system. Keep a diagram with your maintenance records.

DO have your septic system inspected annually. Keep detailed records of inspections, pumpings, repairs and other maintenance.

DO keep your system accessible for inspections and pumping, yet protected from unauthorized access.

DO call a professional whenever you experience problems with your system, or if there are any signs of failure.

DO conserve water to avoid overloading the system. Repair any leaky faucets or toilets.

**DON'T** allow anyone to drive or park over any part of the system.

**DON'T** plant anything over or near the drainfield except grass. Grass prevents erosion and helps remove excess water.

**DON'T** build over any part of your system or cover with hard surfaces such as concrete or asphalt.

**DON'T** make or allow any modifications to the system without obtaining the proper Health Department permit. Only use licensed septic contractors when needed.

**DON'T** pour toxic chemicals or harsh cleaners into any drains.

or any hazardous chemicals such as paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oil or pesticides sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, condoms, paper towels, fat, grease, oil NEVER FLUSH coffee grinds, dental floss, disposable diapers, kitty litter,

looking in the septic tank can be dangerous. natural treatment process in septic tanks and can kill in minutes. Even just allow anyone to inspect a septic tank alone. Toxic gases are produced by the Be sure to exercise appropriate caution when inspecting a septic tank. Never

## Wastewater Treatment Chemicals

Illinois Law requires wastewater effluent which is discharged to the ground surface and leaves the property to be disinfected. Specific chlorine tablets, designed for effluent disinfection, must be used.

Approved calcium hypochlorite tablets are very reactive and quickly kill bacteria present in wastewater. Just as important, chlorine residual present after disinfection dissipates rapidly so that it will not damage the receiving environment.

Swimming pool chlorine tablets are not approved. Swimming pool tablets do not disinfect wastewater effluent effectively and they leave a chlorine residual behind which can be harmful to the environment.

Before handling calcium hypochlorite tablets, become thoroughly familiar with the products warning labels and instructions for use.

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