



FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WASTE STABILIZATION POND DOs AND DON'Ts



DO learn the location of your septic tank. Keep a diagram of it handy with your maintenance records for service visits.

DO have your septic system inspected annually and pumped out only by a licensed private sewage pumpers.

DO keep your septic tank cover accessible for inspections and pumping. Install risers if necessary.

DO keep a detailed record of repairs, pumping, inspections, permits issued and other maintenance activities.

DO conserve water to avoid overloading the system. Be sure to repair any leaky faucets or toilets.

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

DON'T make or allow modifications to your septic system without obtaining the required Health Department permit.

DON'T allow trees limbs to shade the waste pond or allow tall vegetation to grow on the sloped areas around the waste pond. Without sufficient sunlight, the waste stabilization pond will not function properly. The ponds edges should be covered in well maintained grass.

DON'T use your toilet as a trash can or poison your septic system by pouring harmful chemicals and cleansers down the drain.

DON'T flush coffee grinds, dental floss, disposable diapers, kitty litter, sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, condoms, paper towels, fat, grease, oil, or hazardous chemicals such as: paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oils and pesticides.

Be sure to exercise appropriate caution when inspecting a septic tank. Never allow anyone to inspect a septic tank alone. Toxic gases are produced by the natural treatment processes in septic tanks and they can kill in minutes.