

Things NOT to send down to your septic tank.

Things not to send down to your septic tank #1

1.) Moist wipes for babies and adults. It's like putting rags in your in your septic tank. They don't break down in water to digest. There have been companies in the past that has charged over 2000.00 dollars to take them out. It's not a pretty picture.

Things not to send down to your septic tank #2

2.) You should not put grease down your drains. Grease can plug your lines and some grease works its way to the leach fields and seals the field so that they can't accept any grey water. This can cause a very expensive repair.

Things not to send down to your septic tank #3

3.) You should not put a lot of disinfectants and/or bleach down the drain to the septic tank. It kills the bacteria responsible for the digestion process in the septic tank. The more bacteria killed the more often you will need to pump your tank. We have customers that live alone and need to pump every year. He likes using too much bleach and disinfectants in his house that makes its way into the septic tank. We also have customers with two in the household go ten years and still not quite be ready for a pumping. You can buy enzymes to seed your tank. Yet if you're also adding poisons these enzymes will be killed also.

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Think before you flush.

We've seen one person in one year fill his tank so that the tank needs to be pumped annually. We've also seen two people go over ten years and still not need to pump their tank. It all depends on what you flush or pour down the drain. This includes anything that cleans, disinfects and/or kills germs. Garbage disposal use also contributes to filling the tank faster. You can buy additives and enzymes to put into your tank to assist in tank digestion. If you're

killing the natural enzymes found in your septic tank you will also kill whatever you buy. Call to inquire about adding good enzymes to keep your tank working properly.

How to check if your septic tank needs to be pumped.

You have a solid side and a liquid side. Your tank is always full. how thick the solids are on top and the water level will determine if a tank needs to be pumped. One way to check if your tank needs to be pumped is to take a shovel, put it in the solid side of tank. If the shovel will stand up by itself because the top layer is so thick, it will plug us the input section of your tank. You will have backups to the house. If the top is thin and the shovel slides though the top layer, take a mental note of the thickness of the top layer and lower the shovel blade down so it taps the bottom of tank. Doing so will allow you to feel the restriction of the digest found at bottom of the tank. When the thickness of the top layer is approximately a foot thick it's time to pump. Remember the reason for pumping your tank is to protect your leach field. It's also a good thing to check your tank occasionally to make sure roots don't get in the tank and cause damage to the system.

In the year 2000, El Dorado County started requiring filters installed on new septic tank installations. These filters are installed on the waterside of the tank on outlet pipe of the system. If this filter gets plugged up, it will eventually back up into the house. This filter should be taken out and cleaned on occasion to keep this backup from occurring.

To clean your filter, you should use a water hose. There is an arrow point implanted on top of filter insert pointing the direction of water flow. Make sure this is pointed towards outlet pipe when installing.

Proper care and regular maintenance are the best ways to avoid emergencies.

Best Wishes,
Ned Carnett Septic