



## Septic System Do's & Don'ts

*These simple steps can help protect the health of  
your home, community, and Walloon Lake.*



### DO



#### **INSPECT & PUMP**

*Routine inspection and pumping  
every 3 years*



#### **LIMIT DISPOSAL USE**

*Cut down on solids entering the system.*



#### **TRASH FOOD SCRAPS**

*Coffee grounds & leftovers go in the  
garbage.*



#### **TRASH HARDENED GREASE**

*Let grease solidify, then throw it out.*



#### **TRASH NON-FLUSHABLES**

*Hygiene products, wipes, diapers, etc.*



#### **PLANT SAFELY**

*Keep trees/shrubs away from the  
drainfield.*



#### **STAGGER WATER USE**

*Spread out laundry, dishes, and showers.*



#### **FIX LEAKS**

*Make necessary repairs & consider  
aerators for efficiency.*



### DON'T



#### **DON'T POUR GREASE**

*No fats, oils, or grease down drains.*



#### **DON'T RINSE GROUNDS**

*Keep coffee grounds out of sinks.*



#### **DON'T DUMP CHEMICALS**

*Avoid cleaners, solvents, meds.*



#### **DON'T FLUSH NON-DEGRADABLES**

*No wipes, hygiene items, litter, etc.*



#### **DON'T PARK OR DRIVE ON DRAINFIELD**

*Weight can crush drain lines.*



#### **DON'T PLANT TOO CLOSE**

*Roots can clog or damage the system.*



#### **DON'T OVERLOAD WATER**

*Avoid running multiple appliances at  
once.*