

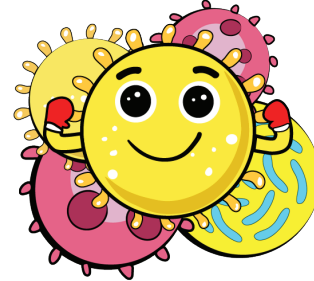
SIMPLE SEPTIC TIPS TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN

FACT: A healthy septic is an efficient septic: and an efficient septic protects our homes, lakes and rivers. To be efficient, our septs need both Good Bacteria + Time to do their work.

The Good Bacteria found in human waste helps digest our septic's contents before they are released into our yards and then on into our lakes and rivers.

So don't send Good-Bacteria-killers like these down the drain:

- Chlorine bleach and any product containing chlorine
- Anti-Bacterial soaps + body-washes
- Dishwasher detergent containing chlorine (check your labels!)
- Dishwasher rinse aids (try lemon juice instead)
- Cream cleansers: most contain chlorine
- Drain cleaners
- Automatic toilet bowl cleaners
- Liquid fabric softeners



**DID YOU
KNOW...**



It takes only one load of dishes with a regular detergent to kill ALL the Good Bacteria in your system for up to 4 days!

Tip - If soap, toilet paper or grease (*"bacon and eggs anyone"?!)* go down your drain, flush EcoEthic Septic Treatment down your toilet once a month to help your system digest them. Good Gut Bacteria alone aren't up to these tougher digestion jobs.

TIME MATTERS

The Good Bacteria need as much time as you can give them to digest the waste you put in before you send through the next load.

Give your Good Bacteria the time they need by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading Usage Over Time. Try the handy water saving tips on the back of this page.

AND REMEMBER:

- Septic tanks are designed to work when they are full, so one drop in = one drop out of your system
- Septic systems are sized to handle no more than 2 people for every bedroom
- Get a licensed pumper to pump both sides of your tank every 3-5 years
- Have your system inspected every 5 years (pumping is not inspecting and pumpers are not inspectors!)
- And never use a garburator: septic can't handle what they produce.



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SEPTIC TIPS

Reduce Our Water Usage to Protect Our Lakes and Rivers

**Every drop of water down our drains =
a drop of waste out of our septics and into our yards and waterways.**

Septic systems need time to process each load of water that we send them. It's all too easy to overwhelm them. So it's crucial to minimize and spread out our water usage across the day and the week.

Think about it this way: 88% of all Canada's drinking water is drawn from our rivers and lakes. So if we don't look after our septics by managing our own water usage, we are only risking our own health.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average Canadian uses 335 litres of water per day ... that's the same as 4 full bathtub-loads and twice as much as the average European.

IN THE BATHROOM

- Switch from the typical 13-litre flush toilet to a 3-litre flush toilet and save 50 litres a day per person
- Dump the tub and jump in the shower: a 5-minute shower uses 75% less than a typical bath. Save even more with a low flow shower head
- Turn off the water while shampooing and soaping and save around 40 litres every shower
- Save another 10-15 Litres: put a pail under the tap and collect the cold water while you are waiting for the water to warm up
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth: a running faucet uses 6 litres a minute

IN THE KITCHEN

- Use a dishwasher instead of handwashing! This might seem counter-intuitive, and it may feel more virtuous to wash by hand, but in fact it's much more wasteful.
- You can use up to 108 litres of water per hand-washed sink-full, versus as little as 12 litres per load with an ENERGY STAR-rated dishwasher.

IN THE LAUNDRY

- Our septics hate Laundry Day even more than we do. They just can't handle the intense volume of water. The great news is they give us a genuine reason just to do 1 load per day!
- If you do more than 1 load, you risk overloading your septic, forcing untreated waste out of your system and down into your yard, river and lake. Spread your loads across the week.
- And your septic will thank you if you can use a more modern appliance: The newer ENERGY STAR-rated front-loaders typically use 39 litres or less – half the volume needed by older machines.

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