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EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR SEWAGE SYSTEM

1) **PUMP YOUR TANK:** Sewage tanks should be pumped every 3 to 5 years, this prevents solid material from entering the lateral lines and blocking fluid movement. NOTE: Class I tanks should be pumped according to manufacturers recommendations.

1a) Aerated tanks, Have filter cleaned in aerator tank every 10-12 months. (Call CJ products phone # 636-456-8853)

1b) Septic tanks, remove 6 " PVC cap at back side of septic tank remove filter slowly until you can see fitting in tank, then remove filter completely and hose filter off back into tank, reinstall filter with arrow pointing to outlet side of tank. (arrow is on top of filter)

2) **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING INTO YOUR TOILET EXCEPT HUMAN WASTE AND TOILET PAPER:** Anything other than human waste and toilet paper may increase the need to pump the sewage tank and may travel to the lateral lines and cause a blockage.

3) **DO NOT USE A FOOD GRINDER (GARBAGE DISPOSAL):** Egg shells, grease, and many other materials put through a garbage grinder may increase the need to pump the sewage tank and may travel through the lateral lines and cause a blockage.

4) **USE ONLY LIQUID OR LOW PHOSPHATE DETERGENTS DO NOT USE FABRIC SOFTENER:** Solid detergents liquefy when agitated but will turn back into solids around the lateral lines and cause a blockage.

5) **DO NOT DRIVE OVER YOUR LATERAL LINES:** Compaction of the soils may greatly reduce their absorbent qualities.

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7) **DO NOT RUN ROOF DRAINS, TILE DRAINS OR ANY EXCESS WATER OVER LATERAL LINES:** Excess water will saturate the soils and cause the sewage effluent to come to the surface.

8) **LIMIT THE USE OF ALL CHEMICAL TOILET CLEANERS:** Most chemical cleaners contain chlorine which may kill microorganisms that break down sewage effluent.

9) **DISCHARGE WATER SOFTENER WASTE EFFLUENT SEPARATE FROM SEWAGE SYSTEM:** Sodium products are commonly used to seal leaking ponds; not preferred for soil absorption of wastewater.

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