

# Practicle tips

## For better management of your septic tank

- ✓ Use biodegradable products! They can only extend the life of your septic tank!
- ✓ Toxic household products contain agents that do not decompose in a septic tank. These may slow down or even destroy the bacterial activity necessary for the proper functioning of your installation.

Your septic tank is not a trash can. Avoid throwing or sending these items down the sink or toilet:

Food ♦ Hair ♦ Condoms ♦ Cotton swabs (Q-tips) ♦ Diapers ♦ Bleach ♦ Paper towels ♦ Newspapers ♦ Cooking oils and fats ♦ Kleenex ♦ Wet wipes ♦ Litter box ♦ Coffee grounds ♦ Medicines ♦ Cigarettes ♦ Non-biodegradable toilet paper ♦ Paint ♦ Pesticides ♦ Pool and spa chemicals ♦ Strong household cleaning products ♦ Feminine hygiene products ♦ Dental floss ♦ Fabrics ♦

♦ \*\* Avoid installing a kitchen garbage disposal ♦

## Tips

- ✓ Avoid using the toilet as a trash can
- ✓ Repair leaky faucets and/or replace defective toilets
- ✓ Install low-flow water fixtures
- ✓ Reduce your water consumption
- ✓ Divert the flow of water from downspouts, gutter drains, sump pumps away from the drain field.
- ✓ Space wash loads to limit water sent to the septic tank
- ✓ Avoid putting any heavy traffic over the drain field
- ✓ Maintain a grassy area with no trees or shrubs on the nearby drain system
- ✓ Avoid building a terrace above the septic system
- ✓ Clean the prefilter every 6 months