

Water Conservation

Water conservation is very important for septic systems. If there is too much water going through your system, solids are not given time to settle in your septic tank and can get pushed through into your drainfield. Continual saturation of the soil in the drainfield can also affect the quality of the soil and its ability to naturally remove toxins, bacteria, viruses, and other pollutants from the wastewater.

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The most effective way to conserve water around the house is to first take stock of how it is being used. The next section of this guidebook "Do's and Don'ts" lists a few things you can do to conserve water, reduce costs and improve the performance of your septic system.

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Indoor Water Usage

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