

## Septic System Care Checklist: What Not to Use

It takes getting used to if you've never had a septic system before, so keep this list on hand to ensure you avoid or eliminate using these things in your household.

- ☐ Avoid using too much water at one time; spread laundry out over days
- ☐ Limit bleach or antibacterial soaps/cleaners
- ☐ No cat litter
- ☐ No chemical drain openers
- ☐ No cigarette butts
- ☐ No coffee grounds
- ☐ No condoms
- ☐ No cooking grease or oil
- ☐ No dental floss
- ☐ No diapers
- ☐ No dishwasher rinse aid
- ☐ No feminine hygiene products
- ☐ No harsh chemicals, such as gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze
- ☐ No household waste or food
- ☐ No paint/paint thinner
- ☐ No paper towels or facial tissues
- ☐ No pharmaceuticals
- ☐ No photographic solutions
- ☐ No wipes (baby/bath), TP ONLY!



**Good Cleaning Agents:** vinegar, baking soda, lemon juice, Borax, Dawn clear dish soap, eucalyptus oil; plant-based, phosphate-free, and bleach-free store-bought products.

For more details on how to care for your septic system, go to [the EPA's guidelines and watch their helpful videos here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about your CMS Homes septic system, please call Trinity Ditching at [636-462-2084](tel:636-462-2084), or our in-house team at [636-462-3500](tel:636-462-3500).