



Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink, shower, or bath, everything that goes down your drains ends up in your septic system. What goes down the drain affects how well your septic system works.

Toilets aren't trash cans!

Your septic system is not a trash can. An easy rule of thumb: Do not flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper. Never flush:

- Cooking grease or oil
- Flushable wipes/Feminine hygiene products
- Condoms/Diapers
- Dental floss/Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Cat litter/Paper towels
- Pharmaceuticals/Household chemicals like gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, and paint or paint thinners

Think at the sink!

- Avoid chemical drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or a drain snake.
- Never pour cooking oil or grease down the drain.
- Never pour oil-based paints, solvents, or large volumes of toxic cleaners down the drain. Even latex paint waste should be minimized.
- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal. This will significantly reduce the amount of fats, grease, and solids that enter your septic tank and ultimately clog its drain field.
- - 2 in the household x 2 to 4 tablets per month x 4 months – you will be using 8 to 16 tablets in 4 months
 - 3 in the household x 3 to 6 tablets per month x 4 months – you will be using 12 to 24 tablets in 4 months
 - 4 in the household x 4 to 8 tablets per month x 4 months – you will be using 16 to 32 tablets in 4 months

For each of these households, more than 4 to 5 tablets will have to be inserted in the chlorination tube at one time to disinfect the wastewater for 4 months. Installing the

tablets yourself and monitoring your own use is always the best and smartest choice. Since the tablets will dissolve according to the amount of water your household uses, you are the only one who has a handle on your water use.