

SEPTIC INFO FOR TENANTS

Septic is not as scary as you may think! JT's Septic is here to make it easy for tenants who are on a septic system. Jtseptic.com provides visual and written descriptions of how a septic system works. You can find your septic system by looking for the tank lids, markers and/or checking with your property manager for more information.

SEPTIC 101

- All water runs out from 1 main drainpipe into the tank.
- The septic tank is a buried, water-tight container. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough for solids to settle to the bottom (sludge) while the fats/oil/grease float to the top (scum).
- Liquid wastewater (effluent) exits the tank & is sent to the drainfield. The effluent percolates into the soil, which reclaims the water for future reuse by naturally removing bacteria.

SIGNS OF MALFUNCTION

- Gurgling and/or slowing of drains.
- Strong odor around tank or drainfield.
- Bright green or spongy vegetation in drainfield.
- If the whole house is backed up, it's time for JT's! If it's one fixture you're having trouble with- it's probably a plumbing issue!
- No need for septic tank additives- if you're having slowing or issues- just call!

If you experience any issues, contact your property manager ASAP- your system may have a filter that is in need of cleaning or it may be time to have your tank pumped!



DON'T STRAIN YOUR DRAIN!

Stagger the use of water-using appliances- do 1 load of laundry per day rather than all 7 on a Saturday! Go easy, or avoid completely, liquid fabric softener.

DON'T OVERLOAD THE COMMODE!

Diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts, coffee grounds, grease, motor oil & paint are just a few of the things that should never go down the drain!

SHIELD YOUR FIELD!

Keep your car & anything heavier than a lawn mower off your drainfield. Keep excess water from irrigation, significant rainfall, or drains off the drainfield.

SAFETY FIRST!

Know where the access lids are to your tank. Keep children, horses & all animals away from the area. Make sure your cleanouts are capped to keep debris out.

