



# DOs and DON'Ts

## FOR PRESSURE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

### DO

**Always call** the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office at **517-546-0040** whenever an **ALARM** sounds. The alarm will have both a **red light** and a buzzer will sound. The audio reset button is located on the underside *or* on the front of the control panel mounted on the house. You can push the reset button to silence the audible alarm. The red light will stay on until the pump system's water level is back to normal depth. If the light remains on, ***water usage must be restricted*** or a back-up could occur. Always notify maintenance personnel even if the alarm clears itself.

**Always practice water conservation.** Reducing the amount of water going into the system extends its working life and reduces the power consumption.

**Always call MISS DIG at 800-482-7171 or 811** at least 72 hours prior to any digging on your property.



**Always call** the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office to report any suspected leaks on the low pressure sewer.

**Always call 517-546-0040 for service. All calls are monitored 24/7.**

**Always check with a qualified electrician** or consult the owner's manual for proper use if you choose to use a **generator during a power outage**. Any costs incurred as a result of damage to the septic system equipment caused by the generator will be assessed to the property owner.

**Always shut off most of your breakers** during a brownout to avoid damage to the pump system or appliances in your home. Leaving one breaker on for a light is a good way to know if power has been restored.

### DON'T

**Never connect troughs, storm drains, water softeners, sump pumps, or allow other surface water to enter into the wastewater collection system.** It will increase pumping costs and overburden the drain field.

**Never flush flammable or toxic products.**



**Never FLUSH** rags, flushable baby wipes, cigarettes, flushable moist personal hygiene wipes, egg shells, feminine hygiene products or sanitary napkins, hair, food scraps or other solid material. ***(Although some products say FLUSHABLE, they are NOT and can cause a lot of expensive repairs to sanitary systems.)*** These items can also be dangerous and lead to pump failures and increased maintenance costs and could back up the system. If you have any questions or the alarm or warning light is lit, please call Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office. All calls are monitored **24/7**.

**Never overuse garbage disposals.** The majority of what is put into under-the-sink disposals can easily be put into the wastebasket (like egg shells, meat scraps or bones, pieces of hard vegetables, etc.). This will keep costs lower for operation and maintenance.

**Never plant shrubs or trees** close to the pump system or over the discharge line. Flowers pots and decorative statues are okay as long as they can be moved by one person. Use a weed whip instead of a lawn mower to prevent damage to the riser and lid. Repairs and replacement costs will be assessed to the property owner for damage caused by motorized machines.

**Never bury the access risers!** They are intended to be at the surface to allow inspections and maintenance. Additional costs incurred to uncover the access risers will be assessed.

**Never put grease or oil down the drain.** Items like meat grease, bacon grease, shortening, cooking oils and fryer oils can clog the sewer lines, filters, screens, and pumps, as well as can cause failure of the drain fields

✓ *Sewer lines running from the house to the septic tank are the homeowner's responsibility.*

**If you have any questions on how your wastewater system operates or a buzzer or light alarm is lit, please call. ALL CALLS ARE MONITORED 24/7.**

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