



# DOs AND DON'Ts

FOR GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS  
OPERATED BY THE  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

## DO

**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, 1-800-482-7171 or 811,** at least 72 hours before doing any digging on your lot. *(This is a free service.)*



## 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. This is dangerous and will lead to pump failures and increased maintenance costs.



**Never FLUSH** rags, flushable baby wipes, cigarettes, flushable moist personal hygiene wipes, eggshells, 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 eggshells, meat scraps or bones, pieces of hard vegetables, etc.). This will keep costs lower for operation and maintenance.

**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 about how your wastewater system operates or have questions about the alarms and lights, please call the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office at 517-546-0040.**