

# AERATED SEPTIC SYSTEM DOs and DON'Ts

It's important to know how to maintain your Aerated Septic System and what products you can and can't use. Many household products can kill the bacteria that your aerated septic system needs to work properly and break down waste. **Keep your ongoing costs to a minimum by using a specialised technician and following these simple guidelines.**

## ✓ Do

- ✓ **EVERY DAY** – conserve water to avoid overloading your system and use biodegradable detergents that are low in phosphorus and sodium
- ✓ **EVERY MONTH** – check your irrigation lines are clear and the sprinklers are working. Also clean the irrigation filters if you have sub-surface irrigation
- ✓ **EVERY 3 MONTHS** – BluenGrey will come to inspect and service your system
- ✓ **EVERY 3-5 YEARS** – contact BluenGrey to pump out the residual sludge in your tanks. Check your quarterly service reports to see if a pump out has been recommended

## ✗ Don't

- ✗ **DON'T** discard antibacterial wipes
- ✗ **DON'T** overuse cleaning products
- ✗ **DON'T** use cleaning agents containing bleach, disinfectant, nitrogen, phosphorus and caustic soda
- ✗ **DON'T** use fabric softeners, whiteners or antibacterial products
- ✗ **DON'T** switch the power to the aerated septic system off, even while on holidays
- ✗ **DON'T** discard pesticides, herbicides, or antibiotics down the drains
- ✗ **DON'T** try to service the aerated septic system yourself

### KITCHEN

- ✓ Do use low sodium, low phosphorous dishwasher powders such as Palmolive, Trix, Sunlight, Bushland, Morning Fresh or GreenApple\*
- ✓ Do use spray bottle type cleaners

\*Note: Not all suitable products are included on this list, this is a recommendation only.

- ✗ Don't put fats and oils down the sink or drains
- ✗ Don't put food waste down the sink or drains
- ✗ Don't use bleach

### LAUNDRY

- ✓ Do spread your washing through the week instead of having one "wash day"
- ✓ Do choose biodegradable low phosphorus products such as Dynamo, Coldwater Surf and Biozet\*

- ✗ Don't use fabric softeners as they prevent your waste water being properly treated
- ✗ Don't use bleach or powders with added whiteners, antibacterial agents or disinfectants such as Napisan\* or products containing Benzyl Alkonium Chloride (BKC)
- ✗ Don't use bleach

### BATHROOM

- ✓ Do clean with cream cleansers, a spray bottle type cleaner or a small amount of ordinary detergent
- ✓ Do use bi-carb soda with a little water as an effective cleaner for toilets, baths & tiles

- ✗ Don't flush sanitary napkins, nappies, condoms, sanitary wipes down the toilet
- ✗ Don't use hair dye, Exit Mould or Domestos\*
- ✗ Don't use commercial toilet or "blue" cleaners
- ✗ Don't use bleach
- ✗ Don't use recycled toilet paper



Warning signs that can indicate a serious problem or that your system needs to be pumped out

- Alarm is going off
- Sprinklers are not working
- Irrigation water smells
- Sewage smells
- Excessive noise or rattling
- Noisy or gurgling drain pipes
- Water draining too slowly
- Water around tank
- Aeration pump not working

If you can hear the alarm or see that the service alarm light is on, and if there is a bad smell contact **BluenGrey on 1300 764 558**



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