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THE SEPTIC TANK ELEVEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1.** Thou shalt not pour grease and oils down any drain!
- 2.** Thou shalt not attach a garbage disposal to your sink for ridding thyself of meat bones, coffee grounds or other foods that are difficult to biodegrade.
- 3.** Thou shalt not dispose of paints or household chemicals in the drain. Shalt use disinfectants in small amounts.
- 4.** Thou shalt not dispose of any automobile fluids down any drain, be it gas, oil, transmission or brake fluid, grease or antifreeze.
- 5.** Thou shalt not kill the bacteria in your septic system by rinsing pesticides, herbicides or any other toxins down the drain.
- 6.** Thou shalt not dispose of any non-biodegradable item in your toilet, be it cigarette butts, disposable diapers feminine hygiene products or anti-bacterial wipes.
- 7.** Thou shalt not let water run while washing dishes and thawing frozen foods and shall consider limiting flushes.
- 8.** Thou shalt not run half loads in the dishwasher or washing machine and shall stagger wash loads (none on the Sabbath and then six on Mondays)!
- 9.** Thou shalt not use chemicals to “start up” or “clean up” your system, yea, they could harm the septic tank, drain field or ground water.
- 10.** Thou shalt not attach “clean water” sources such as footing or sump pumps to the septic system!
- 11.** Thou shalt pump thy tank at least once every two years!

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recommends having septic systems checked every two to three years. However, many factors must be taken into account to ensure your system works properly to protect your family and the ground water. For more information go to: septic.umn.edu