

# MWM

## Mountain Wastewater Management

**Get acquainted with the type, location, and components of your system! Ask your Sewage Enforcement Officer, maintenance provider, or previous owner for this information. Learn what can be done to help prolong the life of your system!**

### LANDSCAPE

#### DO's

- Maintain grassy vegetation around system
- Divert stormwater away
- Protect lids and keep above surface grade

#### DON'T's

- Compact soil or drive over system
- Plant trees near absorption area
- Construct or build over fragile components



### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Routine maintenance is a **MUST!!**
  - Regular pumping or pumping when your maintenance provider recommends
  - Install effluent filter (if not already there) and cleaned regularly
  - Inspect baffles
- Be sure **ALL** components are being serviced, not just one!

**You can avoid this...**



### DOWN THE PIPE

#### DO's

- Rule:  
*“If you didn't swallow it first, then don't flush it”*
- Conserve water

#### DON'T's

- Cat litter
- Baby wipes
- Personal hygiene products
- Medications
- Cigarettes
- Pesticides
- Construction materials (paint & drywall)
- Latex products
- Wax



#### MINIMIZE

- Food oils/ grease/ fat
- Bleach and other cleaning chemicals
- Disinfectants
- Use of garbage disposal



### CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- Fix leaky fixtures (sinks & toilets)
- Water softeners
- Sump pumps
- Lack of maintenance
- Garbage disposals

**Septic systems are not cheap,  
and clean water is priceless**