

## On-Site Sewerage Systems Care and Maintenance Helpful Hints

- Become familiar with how your particular system operates. Know the way it looks, sounds and smells when it is working correctly. This way, you may be able to identify problems before they become serious and alert your endorsed service provider to anything unusual.
- Use washing and cleaning products recommended by your service provider. Most systems are unable to adequately reduce phosphates, nitrates and sodium, which may impact on the environment. Choose products that are labelled low or exclude these elements.
- Do not allow roof or surface water to enter the system as it will cause overloading.
- Fix leaky taps and running toilet cisterns straight away.
- Keep detailed records of your system including type and model number, service contract, licence number and condition reports.
- Do not try to save power by switching off the system.
- Do not allow products that may be detrimental to the microbiological processes to enter the system (eg bleach, paint, thinners, extremely acidic or alkaline products, pesticides, antibacterial agents, grease, oil). Check with your service provider if you are not sure of the products you are using.
- Do not cover tanks with earth, concrete, pavers, mulch or other material.
- Do not use the effluent to irrigate fruit and vegetable crops