



DOs and DON'Ts

FOR SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS OPERATED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

DO

ALWAYS call the Livingston County Drain Commissioner at 517-546-0040 whenever an alarm sounds. The alarm will have a red light and a buzzer will sound. The audio reset button is located on the underside or front of the control panel mounted on the house. Push the reset button to silence the horn. The light will stay on until the pump system's water level is back to normal depth. If the light remains on, water usage must be restricted or a back-up in the house could occur. Always notify maintenance personnel even if the alarm clears itself.

ALWAYS practice water conservation. Reducing the amount of water going into the system extends the working life and reduces power consumption.

ALWAYS call MISS DIG at 800-482-7171 at least 72 hours before doing any digging on your property. Call the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office to report any suspected leaks on the low pressure sewer.



ALWAYS check with a qualified electrician or consult the owner's manual for proper use if you choose to use a generator during a power outage. Any costs incurred as a result of damage to the septic system equipment caused by the generator will be assessed to the property owner.

ALWAYS shut off most breakers during a brownout to avoid damage to the pump system or appliances in your home. Leaving one breaker on for a light is a good way to know if power has been restored.

DON'T

NEVER connect troughs, storm drains, or water softeners, or allow any 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, cloths, cigarettes, eggshells, sanitary napkins or other solid material. This is dangerous and will lead to pump failures and increase maintenance costs.

NEVER overuse garbage disposals. The majority of what is put in a garbage disposal can easily be put into a wastebasket. This will keep costs for operation and maintenance lower.



NEVER plant shrubs or trees close to the pump system or over the discharge line. Flowers and decorative statues are ok as long as they can be moved by one person. Use a weed whip instead of a lawn mower to prevent damage to the riser and lid. Repairs and replacement costs will be assessed to the property owner for damage caused by motorized machines.

NEVER bury access risers! They are intended to be at the surface to allow inspections and maintenance. Additional costs incurred to uncover the access risers will be assessed to user fees.

NEVER put grease or oil down your drains. Hamburger grease and fryer oil can clog lines, filters, screens and pumps.