DO:

♦ Learn the location of your septic system, drainfield and reserve area, and keep a sketch of it with the maintenance records.
♦ Have your septic tank inspected by a certified O & M specialist as required per CCC 24.17.
♦ Keep your septic tank cover accessible for inspections and pumping. Install risers if necessary.
♦ Keep detailed records of repairs, pumpings, inspections, permits, and other maintenance activities.
♦ Conserve water to avoid overloading the system; stagger wash load days and repair any leaks.
♦ Divert other sources of water (roof drains, house footing drains, sump pumps) away from system.
♦ Contact a professional when you experience problems with your system.
♦ Obtain a permit from Clark County Public Health (397-8428) for all repairs and alterations.
♦ Use household cleaners in moderation and follow directions on labels.

DON’T:

♦ Don’t enter a septic tank; toxic gases are produced in the tank that can be deadly within minutes.
♦ Don’t drive, park, or do any activity that will compact the soil on top of the system.
♦ Don’t plant anything over or near the drainfield except grass. Roots can damage the drain lines, and trees may shade the drainfield. Excessive irrigation over or near the system may also cause damage.
♦ Don’t dig into the drainfield or cover it with any hard surface or building.
♦ Don’t repair your system without a required permit from Clark County Public Health (397-8428).
♦ Don’t use septic tank additives.
♦ Don’t use your system as a trash can for grease, coffee grinds, cigarette butts, diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, paper towels, plastics, cat litter, latex paints, pesticides, any hazardous chemical, or other non-biodegradable substance.
Onsite Septic Systems (OSS)

Almost 25% of US homes dispose of domestic wastewater through onsite septic systems (OSS). These systems account for the most common wastewater treatment systems used in rural, unsewered areas of Clark County. Unlike public sewer systems, septic systems require routine maintenance for proper function.

The soil is leached underground in unsaturated soil...