COAKLEY BAY ASSOCIATION

SEPTIC SYSTEM GUIDELINES



LAUNDRY SOAP

- NO phosphates – banned in 1993.
- NO powdered soap, only liquid.
- DO USE: "HE" labeled products abbreviated for "High Efficiency."
- DO USE: Soap labeled "Safe for Septic Systems."

ELECTRIC DISHWASHER SOAP

- NO powdered soap & NO soap pods; DO USE liquid or gel.
- NO phosphates (some soaps still contain phosphates; read label).



CHLORINE/LIQUID BLEACH & AMMONIA

- NO chlorine bleach in toilets, laundry, etc. This destroys the microorganisms in the septic tank that are required for proper functioning; OxiClean/OxyClean products are fine & laundry detergents labeled "with bleach" typically are an OxyClean type product; if the detergent is safe for colored laundry, then it's not chlorine bleach & is safe.
- NO ammonia in toilets or entering the sewer system.

GENERAL CLEANING PRODUCTS

- With numerous products on the changing market, all can't be individually reviewed or listed here; READ THE LABEL for banned products and look for "Safe for Septic Systems."

GREASE

- NO grease into toilets, sinks, etc.
- Grease from cooking: wipe out the cooled utensil with paper towels & place in bagged trash before washing utensil.

GARBAGE DISPOSALS (recommendation)

- If you don't have one in your condo, please DO NOT install one!
- Disposal debris into our septic system creates high cost maintenance issues.
- If you have a garbage disposal, consider removing it or disabling it (especially if you have renters or guests unfamiliar with septic systems).

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