



Protect Taconic Shores

Be Waste Water Wise

Wastewater from your home can impact Robinson Pond if not properly treated.

Please follow these tips to help protect the Lake and make sure that your septic system continues to work properly.

Septic Care

Use water efficiently. The less water that goes through the system – the less you stress it and the longer it will last!

Flush only human waste & toilet paper Your toilet is not a trash can – don't use it like one!

Never Flush or Put Down Your Drain CLOGGERS:

- Flushable Wipes
- Diapers
- Paints, Stains & Solvents
- Dental Floss
- Paper Towels
- Coffee Grounds
- Grease & Fats
- Cooking Oils
- Cigarette Butts
- Cat Litter

Even if you have a garbage disposal these materials can clog pipes in septic, damaging these systems & possibly causing raw sewage to overflow – polluting groundwater and the Lake.

Killers

- Household chemicals & cleaners
- Medications & beauty products
- Paints, stains, & solvents
- Gasoline & oil
- Lawn care products
- Antifreeze

Wastewater treatment systems are not designed to treat hazardous chemicals which can diminish the effectiveness of the systems & pollute groundwater & the Lake. For more information contact TSPOA

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Maintain Your Septic System

Maintaining your septic system not only protects Robinson Pond and nearby groundwaters from being contaminated, but also protects your health & your investment in your home and property.

A properly designed, constructed, & maintained system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater.

How to Maintain your Septic System:



Care for your drain field.

- Plant only grass or groundcover with shallow roots. Deep roots from trees or shrubs could clog & damage the field. Only irrigate grass to establish.
- Don't drive or park vehicles on your drain field or compact the soil in anyway.
- Divert downspouts & other surface water away from your drain field. Excessive water keeps the soil from adequately cleansing the wastewater.



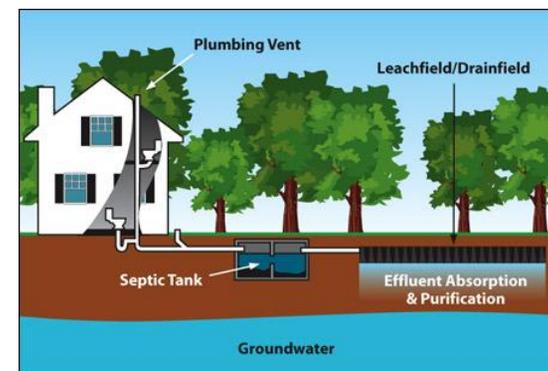
Use water efficiently in your home. Using less water means less stress on the system, helping it operate properly. *Install high-efficiency showerheads. *Turn off faucets while shaving or brushing your teeth. *Run the dishwasher & clothes washer only when they are full. *Maintain your plumbing to eliminate leaks. *Install aerators in faucets. *Replace old dishwashers, toilets, & clothes washers with new, high efficiency models. *Do laundry over several days instead of multiple loads all in one day. *Don't allow the backwash from home water softeners to enter the system.



Regularly inspect your system and pump your tank every 5 years.



Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes, pharmaceuticals, or other Cloggers or Killers in sinks or toilets. See other side for details.



For more information about septic care, or other ways you can help protect Robinson Pond, contact Taconic Shores Property Owners Association Office@taconicshores.com or website www.taconicshores.org 518-329-2881

