# **HELPFUL HINTS**

To assist in keeping your treatment system operatin as its best and within the standards vset by regulating bodies, we provide the following hints:

## AVOID

- \* The us of garbage disposal units in sinks.
- \* Disposal into system of foreign objects (i.e. nappy liners, disposable nappies, napkins, tampons, condoms, plastic, etc.) will block the system.

### DON'T

\* Use strong caustic, alkalis, oils, bleahces, disinfectants or chemical detergents. These item kill the purifying bacteria, cause bad odours and damage your system. (see attached list).

### DO

- \* Use bio-degradeablee detergents; that **DON'T** contain disinfectants(i.e. chlorine, bleach, benzine or phosphates). Benzine converts to carbolic acid, which is a strong disinfectant.
- \* Spread your washing loads over week, where possible (i.e. 1 or 2 loads per day).

## DON'T

\* Exceed maximum design load or subject the system to hydraulic shock loads (i.e. use of washing machines, showers and emptying of baths at the same time).

Please note the following lists of products to be used or to be avoided; is NOT intended to PROMOTE or DISCREDIT the product of any company.

## **IN GENERAL**

The treatment system relies mainly on bacteria for treatment, therefore any product used that kills bacteria is harmful to your treatment system. If you wish to use some of the harsher cleaning products we suggest that this is done in a bucket, then after usethe contents discarded in the garden. (Eg. Disinfectants – Wipe around the surface then rinse sponge/cloth in a bucket of water then discard in the garden. Same for floor and oven cleaners, wipe as much as possible then rinse sponge/cloth in bucket then discard in garden., *never down drains connected to your treatment system.*) Pouring large quantities (1/2 ;itre or more) of beer, wine ,milk or fruit juice into the system should be **avoided.** 

If in doubt or you require any further information please contact our office or ask at time of quarterly maintenance service.

## PRODUCTS NOT LISTED

Many other products are labelled "safe for septics". Most of these should not adversely affect the system. If you wish to try a new product and it does not cause smell problems and the water remains clear, then it is probably safe to use.

## \*\*\*PRODUCTS TO USE – GUIDE ONLY\*\*\*

DO NOT USE ANY ANTI-BACTERIAL OR PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE THE WORDS: EUCALYPTUS OR TEA TREE OIL.

#### WASHING POWDERS, LIQUIDS & SOFTENERS

Add Soft Aura Awara Black & Gold Blu Sno Bushland powder Care Castle Cold Power Cuddly Drive Power Liquid Dynamo Ease Fab Embassy Fluffy Gow Hurricane Launda Love & Care Lux More No Frills detergent Omo Parry's Purlite Rinso

Softly Somethin Else Spree Sunlight Surf Top Wash Washing Soda Woolmix

#### **Dishwashing Liquids**

AddsGreen appleBushlandHome BrandDawnKitFinish Powder (for dishwashers) not power balls

Nifty

Shower Power

Kwitcare Morning Fresh No Frills Liquid Palmolive Sunlight Trix

#### Surface Cleaners

Bi-Carbonate Soda Jiff Cream Cleaner Swipe Windex Spray and Wipe (limted quantities)

TOILET CLEANERS

Jiff or any cream cleanser

FLOOR CLEANERS

Use hot water and detergent

## \*\*\*PRODUCTS TO BE AVOIDED\*\*\*

#### **Antibacterial Solutions**

Bio-Ad Bio Joy Milton Tablets Napisan Nappy Fresh Nappy Plus Nappy Soft Nursil Pin-o-clean Preen Soaker Toilet Duck Tri-zyme

#### <u>Bleaches</u>

Domestos Fiesta Lemon Bleach Lemon Budget Marvolinn White King Zixo

#### **Other Cleaners**

Ajax Anti-Bacterial soaps Anti-Bacterial hair products Blue Loo Bubble Bath Caustic Oven Cleaners Down to Earth Drain-O ESP Herbal Exit Mould Floor Cleaners Green Choice Hair Dyes Handy Andy Metho/Kerosene Pet, Flea+Tick Wash Salts Spirits/Alcohol Swipol Vinegar