

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Maintaining Septic Systems: As Easy As 1-2-3

(NAPSA)—Buried in the backyard of 25 percent of American homes is a septic tank. But just because it is out of sight, doesn't mean that it should be out of mind. Proper maintenance is an important part of ensuring reliable service and preventing an embarrassing and messy backup.

To avoid an ugly mess, the experts at Rid-X Septic System Treatment recommend the following steps:

1. Use Rid-X Septic System Treatment Powder once a month—Monthly use helps reduce the rate of sludge accumulation, which helps keep a system running smoothly until the next pumping.

- This treatment contains billions of bacteria and enzymes specifically selected to digest septic system waste.

- It also contains Cellulase, the enzyme best suited for the digestion of paper waste.

2. Have your septic system inspected and pumped when needed—Sludge can only be eliminated in large quantities by a professional pumper.

- Once a year, have a pumper inspect your system to determine if the accumulation of solid waste is too high and needs to be removed. You should not inspect the tank yourself since the gasses that accumulate in the tank can be lethal.

3. Watch what you pour down the drain. The eco-system of the septic tank is very delicate.

- Avoid flushing excessive amounts of chemicals down the



One in four American homes depends on a septic tank, which needs regular maintenance to work optimally.

drain since they can kill beneficial bacteria living in your tank.

- Monitor how much water enters your system each day to reduce the risk of over dilution.

An important part of maintenance is making sure there is enough bacteria in the system. An insufficient amount of bacteria can keep the system from breaking down waste matter and can result in faster sludge build-up.

When sewage builds up too quickly it can block the system's outlet pipe and clog the drain, causing a backup. It's important to keep the bacteria count high by using Rid-X Powder monthly.

For more information and to receive a handy guide to septic system maintenance, call 1-800-228-4722.