

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Septic System Maintenance: Simple, Yet Crucial

(NAPSA)—For most homeowners, pleasant weather is a time to spend with family and friends out in the backyard. The last thing anybody wants to contend with—or smell—is an overflowing septic tank. It can be an embarrassing and costly mess.

If you live in one of America's 25 million homes that have a septic tank, you're probably aware that septic systems require regular maintenance. Fortunately, upkeep is fairly simple; you just need to remember to do it. A fundamental, and too often ignored maintenance step is making sure there are 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.

A trusted, 100 percent natural septic tank additive, like RID-X® Septic System Treatment Powder can add 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.

All you have to do is remember to pour the product down the toilet once a month. An easy reminder is to always use RID-X the first Sunday of each month.

It is vital to keep the bacteria count high month after month because the water that flows into the septic tank each time you



**Regular septic system maintenance can help prevent problems down the line.**

flush the toilet or run water down the drains will gradually wash away the beneficial bacteria that populate your septic tank. But even more important is to perform basic septic system maintenance regularly, using a monthly additive and occasional pumping as needed.

Septic tanks are sophisticated waste management systems that need regular maintenance to run in top shape. Just as drivers regularly put oil in their cars to keep the engine running smoothly, so must septic tank owners remember that failing to maintain their septic systems could cause embarrassing and costly problems that can be easily avoided with regular care.

For more information on septic systems and a free septic system maintenance brochure, call 1-800-228-4722.