

## **How to Safeguard Your System**

The approved area must not be disturbed. The approvable area can be drastically reduced when setbacks are inadvertently created. Setbacks are required distances from your septic tank and the disposal field from such things as wells, creeks, property lines, and banks. A complete list of setbacks is included in your application packet. Maintain your system. Don't ignore it. You will spend a lot of money to install your septic system. Replacing it will cost you even more.

Consider optional equipment that may improve the performance and prolong the life of your system. The Environmental Health office can provide you with information on some of the latest technology that is available to you.

### **Do's and Don'ts**

DO know where your approved area is. Marking the corners is a good idea.

DON'T allow construction activity on or near your approved area that will cause your approval to be revoked. Excavations, pushouts, well drilling and other activity will require setbacks from your system.

DO make sure that your installer has a copy of the installation permit on the job site at all times. You will be provided with an installer's packet of materials at the time your permit is issued.

DON'T remove soil from or add fill to the approved area unless required to do so in your permit.

DO take care of your septic system. Have the septic tank pumped every 3 to 5 years. Keep livestock and vehicles off the disposal field.

DON'T plan on building over either your approved initial or reserve areas. You may not have any other suitable soils on your parcel.

DO keep a copy of your site approval, installation permit, and certificate of satisfactory completion for your records.