Waste Water Treatment
Keeping Our System Running Well

Never………
- **Never** drain your sump pump into a house drain – keep that water out of the system
- **Never** drain your hot tub into a house drain – keep that water out of the system
- **Never** drain bleach, oil, antifreeze, gas, paint, pesticides, solvents, and other household waste chemicals into a house drain. These chemicals can destroy the biological treatment process that takes place in our system. These chemicals can be recycled at the Washington County Environmental Center.
  For more information click this link : 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129
- **Never** flush or drain feminine products, disposable wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, floss, coffee grounds, pet litter, cigar/cigarette butts, condoms, and medicines down the toilet or into household drains. _Even if they claim to be flushable – these will clog the system._
- **Never** flush gold fish or pet remains down the toilet – they also may clog the system.

Best Practice…..
- **Only body fluids and toilet paper go down house hold drains and toilets.**
- **Limit the use of your garbage disposal – putting oily food waste, and/or large quantities of scraps into the system will cause more frequent pumping of solids from the holding tanks. Pumping costs thousands of dollars each time it is required.**
  - **Compost and/or place scrap food waste into your garbage as much as possible.**

Did you know……….
- **All of the water going down the drain in our homes is processed by the system**
- **A typical home water consumption comes from….**
  - 57% bathroom use (24% toilet, 23% bathing)
  - 10% faucets
  - 17% laundry
  - 10% leaks (yes, leaks)
  - 11% kitchen
- **Any clog in the waste water pipes between your home and the street main is the responsibility of the homeowner. Clogs can result in sewage backup into your home. Clearing clogs can be expensive and sometimes requires excavation.**
- **Following best practices can save everyone money and headaches.**

Manhole covers need to be kept visible and accessible for septic system maintenance.