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As most of you know I'm always talking about water going into your system that doesn't need to go there. It puts more load on your system with no real benefit so this month we are going to talk about your flappers no it's not about your chatty neighbor or dancing in the 30's it's that thing in your commode reservoir that opens when you flush the toilet and closes when the flush is complete most of the time and that's the problem. It doesn't always close tightly resulting with it leaking into the bowl you probably won't hear it but your filler valve will open occasionally to fill the reservoir of water that has leaked out. This can happen 24 hours a day and overtime be a significant amount of water so you're paying for water you don't need and putting into the septic system adding to its load. To find out if this is an issue take off the reservoir top and examine the flapper usually a red round rubber object located at the bottom of the tank these deteriorate over time and often begin to leak if its worn replace it and make sure it seals properly another way to see/ If you have these kinds of leaks call crystal systems; with their electronic metering they can tell if you using water at odd or off hours (midnight to 4 am) it's worth taking a look at this. If you need to replace yours Lowes carries them in plumbing so just ask for the flappers I've never know them to be unflappable! septic sam