



### **Conventional Septic System**

Welcome to **Fawns Crossing**. FRANCON, INC would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with your home “**Septic System**.” Septic systems are a type of self-contained waste water treatment. Each home in this subdivision has its own system. Unlike sewer systems which can take almost anything that can be flushed, Septic systems can be finicky since the waste water goes into a 1000-gallon tank where bacteria break down the waste in the water. The water then travels to the infiltration lines for absorption dispersal into the ground. Septic systems work very well as long as you are conscientious of what is put into them; therefore, we **strongly** recommend the following:

#### **Don't:**

\*Don't pour leftover baking grease down the drain! Pour it into a container until it cools and dispose of it in the garbage. Heavy grease and oil do not break down in septic systems.

\*Don't flush baby wipes or related products. They may say septic safe but they **ARE NOT!**

\*Don't flush feminine hygiene products. They may say septic safe but they **ARE NOT!**

\*Don't flush Q-tips, cotton balls, dental floss, hair etc. these items will **NOT** break down in system.

\* Try to limit the use of Clorox, it kills the bacteria in the system. It can be used but try to spread the laundry loads using Clorox over several days, vs. all at once. A safe alternative is Oxy Clean.

\* Try to limit the use of antibacterial soaps, they kill bacteria in the tank, which are an important part of the system.

\*Most high-end toilet papers/wipes are not good for the septic system. A good test of your favorite brand: Place a normal usage amount of paper in the toilet bowl in the evening, flush it in the morning and watch as the water/paper swirls. If the paper falls into pieces during this process it's **OK**, if not try a different paper. Recommended brands that work well with septic systems are Sam's Club/Wal-Mart house brands.

#### **Do:**

\*Flush normal human biological waste. Most cleaning products when used in moderation!