

# Onsite Wastewater Treatment System ("Septic") Safety for Short-Term Rentals in Boulder County

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## General Information

Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) is a broad term referring to any system for the collection, storage, treatment, neutralization, or stabilization of sewage and wastewater that occurs on the property. A septic system is a type of OWTS, consisting of a septic tank that collects all the sewage and a leach field for final treatment by the soil.

OWTS are used to treat and dispose of relatively small volumes of wastewater, usually from houses that are not a part of or connected to a sewage treatment works.

## What not to flush:

- Diapers
- Paper towels
- Feminine hygiene products
- "Flushable" wipes

## What not to put down the drain:

- Cooking oil, grease, and other fats
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Meats and other food waste (garbage disposals should be used sparingly)
- Excessive amounts of drain solvents or other household chemicals

Keep vehicles and other heavy equipment away from the absorption field.

If strong sewage odors or backups occur, contact your host or local manager immediately. You may also alert Boulder County Public Health at 303-441-1564.

Please visit the Boulder County Public Health website for more information: [www.SepticSmart.org](http://www.SepticSmart.org)

## For non-life-threatening emergencies, please contact the Local Manager:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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