

# **Water Conservation Measures for Decreased On-Site Wastewater System Performance During Periods of Heavy Rainfall**

If you are experiencing reduced on-site wastewater (septic) system performance due to heavy rainfall, practice these water conservation measures.

- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Turn off the tap while washing your hands
- Turn off the tap while shaving
- Fix your leaks
- Cut your showers short
- Choose efficient fixtures
- Don't run the dishwasher or washing machine until it's full
- Space laundry out over the week, not all on one day
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Put plastic bottles or float booster in your toilet tank
- When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing
- Do not use water to defrost foods
- Teach your kids how to conserve water
- Reuse your towels to reduce laundry
- Divert gutter downspouts away from the drain field area
- Maintain landscape to keep surface water drainage away from the drain field area
- Use single service utensils during extended wet periods