**Don't strain your drain** stagger use of water-based appliances during the holiday season to avoid overloading your septic system.

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## Happy Holidays!

As you welcome guests during the holidays, follow Septic Sam's simple tips on how to "properly dispose of waste" to keep your septic system working:

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- Think at the Sink put food waste in the trash and avoid pouring grease and oil down the drain.
- Toilets aren't Trashcans do not flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper.

Check out Septic Sam's other useful tips at www.epa.gov/septic and keep your system working all season long. Your guests will thank you!