

Attention Home Owners

FILTER ALERT

- ✎ Your wastewater treatment system is equipped with an effluent filter to prevent solids from entering the drainfield, protecting the drainfield from premature failure.
- ✎ The filter must be periodically cleaned to prevent sewage from backing up into the dwelling or over flowing the tank.
- ✎ Removal, or disabling of the effluent filter invalidates the Use Permit and is expressly prohibited by law.
- ✎ The interval between cleanings will depend on the size of the filter, the amount of wastewater and the content of the wastewater stream. A general rule of thumb is that the filter should be cleaned six-months after installation and on an annual basis from that point on. If the dwelling is equipped with a garbage disposal the filter will require cleaning more frequently.
- ✎ Included with your Use Permit is a list of Do's and Don'ts for maintaining your wastewater treatment system. Following these guidelines will increase the longevity and the ability of the system to treat wastewater.
- ✎ Effluent filters by design can be easily cleaned with minimal exposure to untreated sewage. The filter must be accessible via a secure riser at ground surface. **Do not bury the access riser!** Refer to your wastewater system installer or the manufacturer of the effluent filter for specific details on cleaning.
- ✎ A homeowner may wish to have the wastewater treatment system maintained by a professional service. Contact your installer or Lake County Environmental Health at 883-7236.



Effluent filters must be used in all systems prior to secondary treatment... 7.2.7 Effluent filters, CIRCULAR DEQ 4, Montana Standards for Subsurface Wastewater Treatment Systems.