

To: All Holding Tank & Septic System Owners/Users

Re: Utility District FAST System repairs

The **only** waste matter that should be introduced into Holding Tanks is limited to sewage consisting of toilet waste and gray water which comes from dishwater, laundry and bath water.


**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO ANY SYSTEM,
ESPECIALLY HOLDING TANKS:**

- ❖ Cleaning Cloths, Rags or Wipes: Products manufactured under various names being comprised of wet or dry, non-woven cloth materials used for household cleaning or dusting. (This type of cloth product was the cause of the FAST System breakdowns.)
- ❖ Personal Hygiene Products: Including Disposable Diapers, Incontinence Diapers, and Feminine Hygiene Products.
- ❖ Baby Products: Diapers and Wipes. Disposal of baby wipes should be with the diaper, in a separate container, not in the holding tank or septic system.
- ❖ Paper Products: Paper towels and facial tissue including facial wipes, hand wipes and brands of toilet tissue not recommended for use with septic/holding tank use.
- ❖ Recyclables & Household Garbage: Plastic soda bottles, aluminum cans, golf balls, etc. This type of material should be properly sorted and recycled at the Town Landfill. None of this should be introduced into the FAST system or the spreading fields.

For those who lease or rent property, it would be beneficial to display a placard in the restrooms and cleaning areas instructing renters in the use of a holding tank/septic type systems. Vacationers who are more familiar with Municipal sewer systems are not aware of the limitations of rural systems.

Since May of 2008 there have been eight (8) incidents requiring repair at the Washington Island Ball Park FAST System resulting in costs of over Five thousand dollars to date. All incidents involved repairs to the macerator pump including replacing the pump.

The Utility District Board may need to consider an increase in spreading rates if this continues. Awareness of this issue along with cooperation from all owners and users can minimize the incidence of breakdowns. Taxpayers should not absorb costs of repairs for a preventable matter.



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Town Chairman



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