

TESTIMONIAL

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In September of 1992 we installed a 1000 gallon septic tank for our new home being built in Fort San. We were restricted to a smaller septic holding tank due our proximity to Echo Lake and the high water table by Sask. Health

My wife and I started living at the home in 1995 with conventional kitchen appliances, laundry appliances and toilets. With normal house use of the appliances, we would require a tank pump out every 9 days, which translated to approximately 111 gallons of water usage every day. This was normal for regular city usage, but with a septic holding tank it became rather expensive for pump-outs. A rough estimate over the course of 1 year would be 42 pump-outs at today's rate of \$85.00/ pump-out would be \$3570.00.

As our old household appliances expired, they were replaced with new modern water-saving equipment such as a front-loading washing machine and a higher-efficient dish washer and shower heads. We also replaced the toilets with low-flush toilets that utilize a two flush system and low water usage.

The end result was we now require a septic tank pump-out approximately every 19 days, which is roughly 20 times a year or at today's pump-out rate of \$1630.00 for a saving of almost \$2000.00 yearly. Same septic tank, lower operating cost.

This change over of our household appliances shows the saving that can be had by home and cottage users in the Valley. It also shows that with a high rate of participation by home/cottage owners it will save money and less stress will be put on our local waste-water lagoon, especially as the valley attracts new families with new homes and cottages.

Don't flush your money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ down the drain!

