

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Backyard Barbecue: Make Sure Your Home Can Handle The Guests

(NAPSA)—In warmer months and throughout the year, more and more families across the country are participating in that great American celebration—the outdoor barbecue. With barbecues come backyard guests, which add to the amount of water that's used in the home. For homeowners with septic tanks, this poses the threat of embarrassing and costly backups that could spoil the good times.

If you've never experienced a septic system backup, consider yourself lucky: your backyard can suddenly resemble a stinky swamp and your basement can be filled with a foot of dirty water. To avoid these hassles, the maker of RID-X® Septic System Treatment provides you with the following tips:

- Make sure your septic system is checked regularly (at least every three to five years) and pumped occasionally by a licensed professional.

- Use a septic system treatment like RID-X once a month, along with regular pumping, to help keep the tank in prime shape and ready to deal with occasional increases in water usage.

- Avoid pouring bleach, left-over paints and concentrated cleaners down the drain.

- Throw garbage in bags versus the garbage disposal to help



There's more to planning a splendid outdoor affair than just the menu and the finery.

minimize solid waste buildup in the septic tank.

- Reduce the use of water by using the water-saving function on dishwashers and washing machines.

- Beware of flushing any wipes that are not marked "flushable" down the toilet.

By recognizing the demands put on a septic system, homeowners can avoid overburdening it and save themselves unnecessary grief. So mow the lawn, water your flowers, clean your grills—and don't forget to treat your septic system.