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WESTCHESTER SEPTIC SYSTEM OWNERS TO GET COUNTY SEWER TAX REIMBURSEMENT

Thanks to a new law proposed by County Executive Andy Spano and passed by the Board of Legislators, property owners who have been paying sewer taxes but have a septic system can now be reimbursed for septic system maintenance. Beginning tomorrow, Westchester County will help pay for the cost of septic tank pump-outs and inspections for residential and commercial properties in county sewer tax districts.

“We hope this new law will help many families in these financially difficult times and will also encourage proper maintenance of septic systems, which is important for the environment,” said Spano.

The reimbursement covers septic system work performed from Sept. 3, 2008 until Sept. 2, 2014. Property owners can receive up to \$300 every three years for a pump-out of a septic tank and up to \$275 every six years for a septic system inspection. The inspection and pump-out can be done at the same time. There are currently about 7,000 property owners in 13 county sewer districts who have septic systems and may be eligible to claim this reimbursement. To find out if a property is eligible due to its location in a county sewer district, property owners can visit the county’s interactive website at www.westchestergov.com/map or call 2-1-1.

Applications for reimbursement must be accompanied by copies of a paid invoice for services and a property tax bill with proof of tax payment showing that the property is subject to Westchester County sewer district taxes. Reimbursement will only be made for services performed by licensed professional engineers and registered architects, and by septic collectors and septic contractors licensed by Westchester County. The county has enlisted the help of septic collectors and contractors who will hand out to their customers brochures which provide more information on the program as well as an attached application form.

Call 2-1-1 for more information or visit www.westchestergov.com. The application form (available in a brochure) may be downloaded from this website.

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