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SEPTIC TANK LICENSING TRAINING COURSE REQUIRED
FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM CONTRACTORS
Septic Manual Available for Homeowners

The Westchester County Department of Health announced today that its Division of Environmental Health, in accordance with the Westchester Sanitary Code, will conduct a second mandatory Septic Tank Licensing Training Course on April 23, 2002 at the Peekskill Waste Water Treatment Plant, 700 Highland Avenue, Peekskill, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Satisfactory completion of the course and a written examination is a requirement for licensing for anyone providing or offering to provide services as a Septic System Contractor in Westchester County beginning April 1, 2002. Registration forms may be obtained at the following locations:

Westchester County Website: www.westchestergov.com

Westchester County Health Department: (914) 813-5155 (William Schneider).

“By instituting this licensing program, the County is taking steps to ensure that septic system contractors are knowledgeable about how best to perform their duties, decreasing the chances for negative environmental repercussions,” stated Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Westchester County Health Commissioner. “This is one step in ensuring Westchester’s water quality stays H2OK.”

The Westchester County Department of Health has produced a “Homeowner’s Guide” focused on regular practices and maintenance for individual sewerage systems. This guide is available upon request at the Health Department’s main office in New Rochelle, or by calling the Health Department at (914) 813-5000. The guide will also soon be available at local Municipal Offices and on the Health Department’s website, www.westchestergov.com/health.

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The “Homeowner’s Guide” is part of the educational program intended to provide the general public with a better understanding of the functions, limitations and types of individual sewerage systems and the methods for their proper operation and maintenance. Such understanding should reduce or eliminate the incidence and frequency of failing systems and the resulting public health threat and adverse impact on water quality. The “Homeowner’s Guide” describes the basic principals of design, operation and maintenance of individual sewerage systems.

For additional information about the Septic System Contractors Licenses or Training Courses or to obtain a copy of “The Homeowner’s Guide,” please call the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000 or visit the Health Department’s website at www.westchestergov.com/health.