

***NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF WATER SUPPLY***

*Report on implementation of Septic Maintenance Program.*

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Filtration Avoidance Determination*

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### **3.1 Septic Maintenance Program - Milestone/Reporting Requirements**

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The Septic Maintenance Program is a voluntary reimbursement program intended to reduce the occurrence of septic system failures through regular pump-outs and maintenance. The program is open to homeowners in the WOH Watershed who installed or replaced septic systems after January 1, 1997 and at least three years prior to/between pump outs.

The homeowner contacts the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to obtain an inspection check list and a reimbursement form. The homeowner then contracts with a licensed septage hauler to have his/her septic tank pumped. The hauler completes and signs the CWC inspection check list. The homeowner pays the hauler and then submits the signed check list and completed reimbursement form to CWC along with a copy of the contractor's invoice and proof of payment. CWC reimburses the homeowner 50% of eligible costs for pump-outs and maintenance.

A total of 77 septic system pump-outs were subsidized during the second half of 2010, bringing the total for the year to 130. This represents the highest level of program activity for a year since the program's inception.

Since its inception, the Septic Maintenance Program has subsidized a total of 575 septic system pump-outs.