



Surry County

Department of Planning & Community Development

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NOTICE OF SEPTIC PUMP-OUT

Dear Surry County Resident,

To protect water quality in the streams and rivers of Surry County and the Chesapeake Bay, Surry County responded to a Code of Virginia law and in 1991 adopted an ordinance that is required under Virginia Code Section 9VAC25 -830-130, and the Surry County Chesapeake Bay Preservation District Ordinance Section 3-1404(E) that people residing within the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (CBPA), pump their septic tanks every 5 years. As an alternative to the mandatory pump-out, residents can have a sewage handler inspect the system and certify it does not need to be pumped or have a Virginia Department of Health (VDH) approved plastic filter installed. Surry County has designated the CBPAs to be recognized as either a Resource Protection Area (RPA) or Resource Management Area (RMA), requiring these properties to comply with the Septic System Pump Out/Inspection Program.

We ask residents to inform us if they have had their septic tank pumped during the last five years, inspected by a sewage handler, have a plastic filter installed or that the drain field is not located in a CBPA. Please refer to the enclosed information and frequently asked questions for more information.

Please find enclosed an information sheet that explains the Septic Pump-out Inspection Program, as well as answers to frequently asked questions regarding the program. In addition to these sheets, you will also find a verification compliance form which needs to be filled out and returned to the Surry County Department of Planning and Community Development by May 31, 2022 as documentation that you have met the requirements of this program.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and would like to remind you that in addition to protecting the environment, regular maintenance of your septic tank will extend the life of your system and may lead to lower long term costs. Questions regarding the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation program should be directed to the Department of Planning and Community Development at 757-294-5210 or septicpumpout@surrycountyva.gov.