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SEPTIC AND WASTE SYSTEMS

Did you know that on Long Island, many areas have coastal and groundwater pollution, which is leading to strict laws pertaining to septic and waste systems in buildings and homes? Increases in nitrogen levels in our coastal water systems and groundwater are causing bays to close for bathing and drinking water is being polluted.

New laws require septic tanks to be installed in addition to a cesspool or drainage field. And some municipalities even require a nitrogen reduction system on the septic tanks. This means a significant increase in the cost for replacing these systems as they age and fail and new code must be complied with.

Many areas in Suffolk are being converted to sewers in order to treat wastewater before it enters the natural environment around us in an effort to reverse many decades of increasing pollution from septic and cesspools systems.

Long Island's sewer systems are evolving too and becoming more complex as population increases and federal and state codes become stricter to protect the environment. Sewage treatment plants are being upgraded and massive projects of new piping and pumping are being installed to handle the increased demand.

Many areas in Nassau County are getting subsidized to convert their old, aging cesspools to newer, more environmentally friendly septic systems. Up to \$10,000 per system is given through a grant system.

This will all likely lead to rising costs for homes connected to sewer systems. So whether you live in an area with cesspools or one with sewers, remember, there is a significant cost to flushing water down the drain.

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