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# NASSAU COUNTY S.E.P.T.I.C. PROGRAM

(Septic Environmental Program To Improve Cleanliness)

## Grant Funding Details

The Septic System Replacement Grant Program will provide funding to grant recipients to replace a conventional or failing cesspool or septic system with an Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (I/A OWTS). Nassau County is willing to **reimburse up to \$20,000** for homeowners or small businesses to install state-of-the-art nitrogen reducing septic systems. Certain conditions must be met for grant reimbursement.

**Please note that these funds are not considered taxable income, and program applicants will not receive 1099 forms.**

Visit our website at:

[NassauCountyNY.gov/SepticReplace](http://NassauCountyNY.gov/SepticReplace) to find out if you are eligible.

## Why Innovative and Alternative Systems?

Nitrogen pollution from cesspools and septic systems has been identified as **the largest single cause of degraded water quality on Long Island**, contributing to beach closures, restrictions on shellfishing, toxic algae blooms, and massive fish kills. When properly designed, installed and maintained Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) provide a cost-effective and environmentally sound alternative to sewers in areas that are outside designated sewer areas. These systems, through biological processes, significantly reduce:

- Nitrogen
- Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
- Total suspended solids

Before being discharged below grade to leaching structures, Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) can provide greater performance, reliability and reduce the number of pump outs for property owners that currently pump out their wastewater systems



*Example of I/A septic system being installed in Sea Cliff.*

## Eligibility

Nassau County residents, not-for-profits, and small businesses that discharge less than 1,000 gallons a day of wastewater are eligible for grants to install Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) provisionally approved by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. The list of provisionally approved manufacturers can be found at [NassauCountyNY.gov/SepticReplace](http://NassauCountyNY.gov/SepticReplace)

Contractors who install these systems must have a Nassau County Home Improvement Contractor License, as well as the appropriate insurance credentials. Additional eligibility criteria include but are not limited to:

- The residence/small business must be served by a septic system or cesspool and not connected to a sewer system.
- Property does not have any outstanding or open real property tax liens.
- There must be a valid certificate of occupancy (CO) or equivalent.



*Fuji Clean CEN Series Installation in Sea Cliff, NY - Installation by Discount Cesspool.*

**For more information email us at**

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