

# WELCOME

## TONIGHT'S AGENDA



- 1) WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
- 2) SEPTIC SYSTEM REVIEW
- 3) CHANGES TO ORDINANCE
- 4) PERMIT & PUMPING PROCESS
- 5) CONCLUSION & QUESTIONS

## Introduction:

Gary Morrow

Sewage Enforcement Officer

S.E.O. #1907

Certification Date: 04/02/1987

717-319-1301

Certification through DEP. 15 CE hours required every two years to maintain certification.

*Gary is an independent contractor with Silver Spring Township.*

# Silver Spring Township

There are currently 1,854 homes in the Township with septic systems.

The average septic system is 30 years old; a system should last a lifetime if properly maintained.

# Onlot Septic Cost

## ONLOT

5 Year Permit: \$50.00

Avg Cost of Pumping: \$265

Cost Per Year for Permit: \$10

Cost Per Year for Pumping: \$53

**Total Cost Per Year: \$63**

# Public Sewer Cost

## PUBLIC SEWER

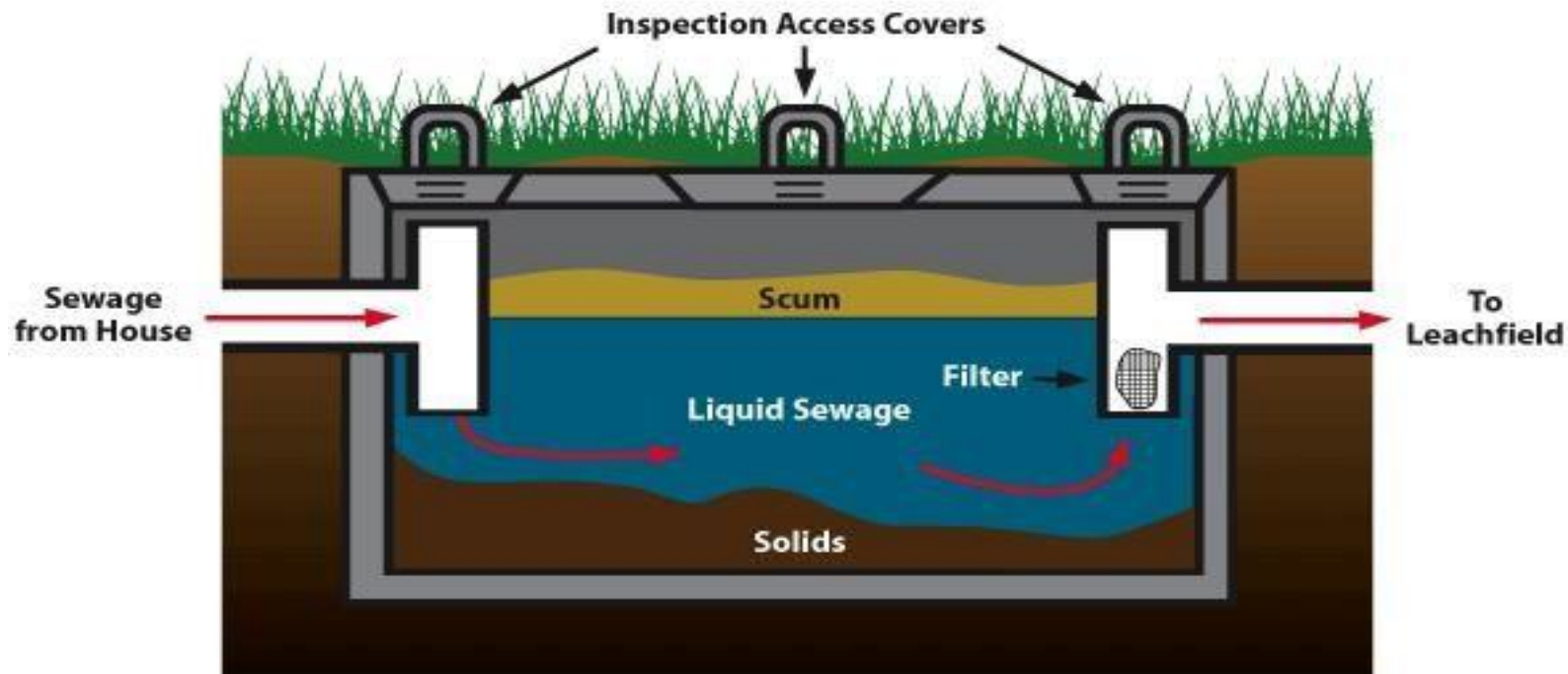
### 2019 Costs:

# of Persons	Average Usage	Average Cost Per Quarter	Average Yearly Cost
1	Under 9,000	\$120.00	<b>\$480.00</b>
2	9,000	\$120.00	<b>\$480.00</b>
3	12,000	\$144.00	<b>\$576.00</b>
4	15,000	\$168.00	<b>\$672.00</b>
5	20,000	\$207.17	<b>\$828.68</b>
6	25,000	\$243.02	<b>\$972.08</b>

**Residents with wells: \$158 quarter = \$632/year**

# How a Septic System Works

- A septic system consists of two main parts--a septic tank and a drainfield.
- Wastewater forms three layers inside the tank.
- The layers of sludge and scum remain in the septic tank where bacteria found naturally in the wastewater work to break the solids down.
- Sludge and scum that cannot be broken down are retained in the tank until the tank is pumped.



# Flushable does not mean Flushable

Septic tanks and sewer systems are designed to take away dirty water from sinks, toilets, baths, showers, and washing machines. Flushing “unflushables” can create problems in your septic tank. Putting trash down toilets and drains causes blockages in your pipes.

Even if the package indicates that the product is flushable, it may not be. Unflushable items include: baby wipes, adult wipes, paper towels, disposable diapers, feminine products, bandages, Q-tips, dental floss, and incontinence pads.

# DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!

THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE TRASH CAN!



Cleaning wipes



Disposable diapers,  
nursing pads & baby wipes



Hair



USE THE TRASH CAN,  
NOT THE TOILET!



Grease



Condoms



Facial wipes



Tampons and pads

The label might say “Flushable,” but disposable wipes and other products clog septic and sewer lines and damage pumps and other equipment. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. So, *think trash, not toilets!*

# Importance of Septic Maintenance

Maintenance includes regular inspection and scheduled pumping.

It costs an average of \$230 to \$300 to pump a tank, compared to \$25,000 to \$30,000 to replace a system that has failed.



# Overview of Revised Ordinance

- ✓ Required frequency of pumping—at least once every five years
- ✓ Septic pumping permit for each 5 year pumping
- ✓ Permit fee: \$50 for SEO inspection fee and some remediation services
- ✓ SEO present at the time of pumping
- ✓ Utilize Township-registered pumper/hauler
- ✓ Permit will expire on 10/31 of issuance year (schedule early to prevent last minute rush)
- ✓ Other important items

# Pumping Permit Process

- ✓ In January, a letter will be sent to residents whose tanks are to be pumped that year. Please note, our records may not show tanks pumped within the 5-year period.
- ✓ Complete and return permit application with fee to Township office prior to scheduling system pumping. Application can be found on the Township website.
- ✓ Once processed, a permit will be returned to you by mail or email. The permit expires on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year it is issued.
- ✓ Contact a Township-registered septic hauler to arrange pumping. A list of haulers can be found on Township website. Provide the hauler with your permit number. Hauler will arrange for the Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) to be present for the pumping.
- ✓ After pumping, the SEO will provide the completed Septic System Report to the Township.
- ✓ After receiving this report, the new pumping date will be updated in Township records.
- ✓ If we have not received a Septic System Report by **Sept. 1**, you will receive a second notice reminder. Deadline to avoid non-compliance is **Oct. 31**.

# SEO Present at Pumpings:

- ✓ Accurately complete and record proof of pumping paperwork. This prevents homeowner from being erroneously contacted for missed future pumping.
- ✓ Provide a receipt to the homeowner containing pumping information and any maintenance recommendations.
- ✓ Verify that the pumping is completed correctly in accordance with Township and DEP regulations.
- ✓ If necessary, begin any repair or inspection processes at that time, possibly eliminating the need for a return visit by the SEO or hauler.

# Increase in Permit Fee

- Permit fee has remained the same for 10+ years.
- New fee includes the SEO inspection fee and minor remediation services.
- Examples of unusual situations.

## ❖ For more information, please visit:

- [www.sstwp.org](http://www.sstwp.org)

- Services/Departments

- Onlot Septic Maintenance

- *Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO)*

- *Registered Haulers List*

- *Onlot Septic Pumping Permit Application*

- *Permit/Pumping Process*

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## OnLot Septic System Maintenance

The appointed Township [Sewage Enforcement Officer](#) (SEO) is responsible for the enforcement of state regulations relative to onlot sewage disposal. This includes the testing and verification of site suitability, permit review and issuance, and system construction inspection. The SEO also investigates malfunctions and coordinates corrective actions.

As mandated by DEP, and in accordance with the recently adopted Silver Spring Township Ordinance No. 6 of 2018, the Township has enacted provisions for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of onlot septic systems. These requirements apply to all property owners who utilize onlot systems to treat and dispose of sewage in the Township.

### Septic Pumping Requirement

The most significant provision included in the Ordinance is the **requirement that once every five (5) years property owners are obligated to have their septic tank pumped and system inspected.**

- [Onlot Septic Pumping Permit Application](#)
- [Registered Hauler List](#)
- [Pumping Process](#)

Questions??