

WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO WIN?

Any resident of Calvert County who pumps or upgrades their septic tank between the dates of Jan. 1 and Dec. 31.

WHEN'S THE DRAWING?

The drawing will be held at the January Environmental Commission meeting. Winners will be notified by letter.

WHAT CAN I WIN?

The most valuable prize for everyone... a cleaner Chesapeake Bay! By pumping or upgrading your septic tank, you also qualify to win:

\$500
FIRST PLACE PRIZE

Reimbursement of up to \$500 for the tank pump-out or upgrade.

OTHER PRIZES

Gift certificates from local establishments and free passes to county recreational facilities.

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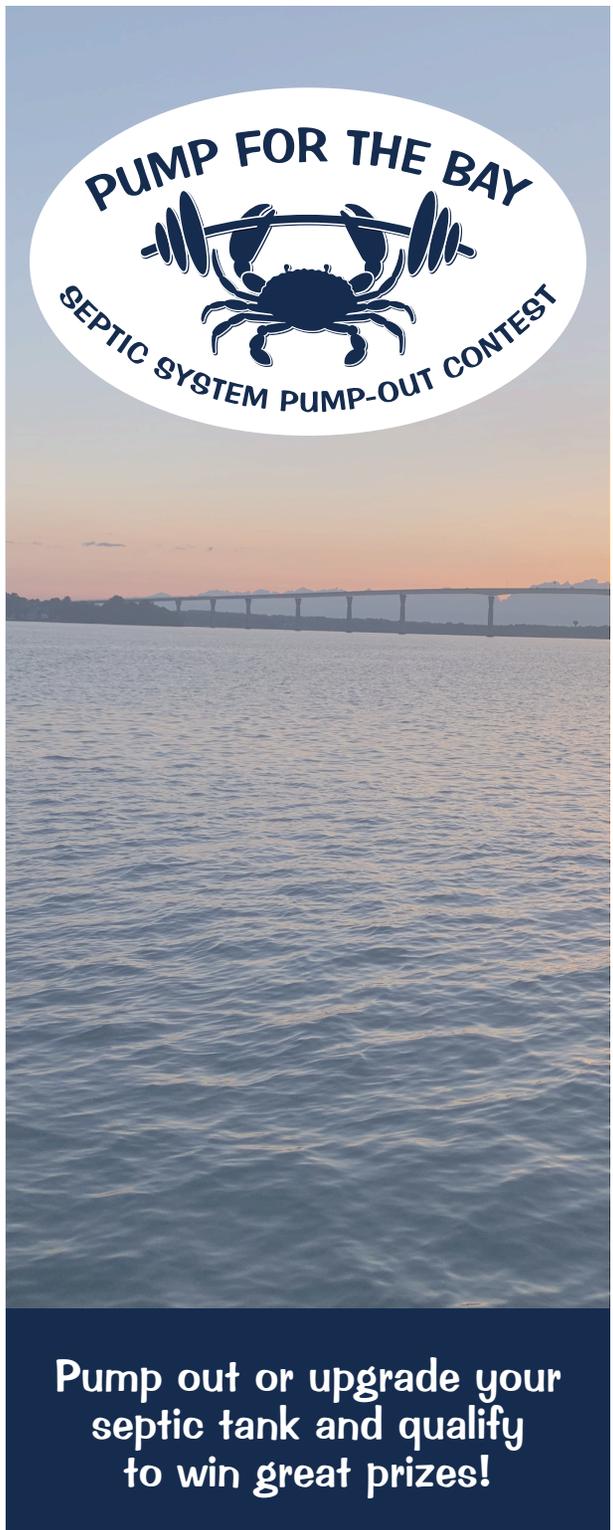
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The Calvert County Environmental Commission needs your help to clean up and protect the Chesapeake Bay!

WHY "PUMP FOR THE BAY?"

Too much of the nutrient nitrogen is polluting the Chesapeake Bay, Patuxent River and Solomons Harbor. This nitrogen increases the growth of algae. Algae clouds the water and prevents sunlight from reaching the rooted aquatic plants necessary for a healthy bay. When algae die, the decomposition process uses up oxygen that fish, crabs and other marine life need to live. Together, these factors create poor water quality and low-oxygen "dead zones."

We all use the water in Calvert County – we swim, sail, fish, catch crabs, use motorboats and more. It's important to keep our water clean because a healthy bay means a healthy Calvert County!

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH MY SEPTIC TANK?

Septic systems contribute up to 25% of the excess nitrogen in Solomons Harbor. Even when operating properly, conventional septic tanks remove only about 10% of the nitrogen in the effluent that flows from the tank into the drain field. The rest can get into the groundwater and eventually enter the bay. You can help reduce this nitrogen pollution by pumping your septic tank every two to three years or upgrading to a more efficient system that converts 50-75% of the nitrogen in the effluent to a gas and then vents it harmlessly to the atmosphere.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME TO PUMP OR UPGRADE?

- You will help clean up Calvert County waterways.
- There will be better habitat for fish and crabs.
- You could win money to offset the cost of pumping/upgrading your septic tank.
- You could win prizes and gift certificates donated by local businesses that care about the bay.
- By pumping your septic tank more frequently, you can avoid the high cost of repairing a failed septic system.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Upgrade to a nitrogen-removing tank with a Bay Restoration Fund Grant (call 410-535-3922 for more information) or hire a company to pump out your septic tank.

Send a copy of your paid bill/receipt along with the entry form below to:

"Pump for the Bay" Contest
Department of Planning & Zoning
205 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Entries must be received by the Department of Planning & Zoning no later than 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about this program?

By initialing below I consent to the release of my name should I win. *Please initial below.*
