

# Septic Systems and Our Lakes

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Wednesday, March, 2022, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Zoom Chat Box Discussion

00:44:41 Charlie Marsden: Is there any NH state laws for time period to pump waterfront lot septic systems?

00:46:55 Charlie Marsden: We are proposing a tow ordinance the all septic systems within 250 ft of lake then the system must be pumped and inspected a minimum of every 3 years. Do you have any information of towns the have implemented such an ordinance for waterfront properties?

00:53:19 Caitlin Noseworthy: Can a homeowner design their own septic system provided they can get it approved by the NHDES? Or does the entire design/installation process have to be done by someone who is licensed to do so?

(Answer from Matt provided after the webinar: The answer is yes, however, they must be the long term homeowners (not flipping or getting ready to sell) additionally they must either have a soil scientist perform a perk test or know what they are looking at.)

00:53:25 Warren Muir: Major septic system failures can be seen or smelled? Are there ways to monitor water along shorelines to detect any septic systems that are leaching phosphorus into the lake through ground water?

00:54:03 Scott Parker: Do access risers prevent groundwater from flowing into the tank through gaps around the concrete cover? I imagine this would reduce the demand on the pump, especially with a seasonal system when nothing is coming from the house.

00:55:44 Stephen Barker: Is there a particular laundry soap that you recommend? And what do you have to say about the use of bleach in our laundry?

01:10:59 Denise Legault: Can tank pumpers do inspections?

01:12:21 Scott Apgar: what does a typical inspection cost?

01:21:19 Gloria, NH LAKES: Thank you Matthew! Very informative