

Howard County

1. Subtitle 8. On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems

(<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=50y6w4ho5sM%3d&portalid=0>)

Sec. 3.804. General provisions

(a)(3)... “It is the owner’s responsibility to maintain an on-site sewage disposal system as installed and to avoid creation of a public health nuisance.”

2. Fact Sheet

(<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=W8CN6EOlfrY%3d&portalid=0>)

“Have the tank inspected and pumped at least once every three years to avoid solids buildup.”

“All “Best Available Technology” units must be serviced at least once a year.”

“Water Howard has implemented a Septic Saver Program that can reimburse homeowners up to \$100 for pumping out their septic tank once every 3-5 years. Visit the Septic Saver Website for details: <http://www.cleanwaterhoward.com/what-is-your-role/residential-properties/septicsavers>”

Queen Anne’s County

1. Article XXVII Private Wastewater Systems (<https://ecode360.com/7132759>)

24-163: Responsibility for operation and maintenance.

“The owner shall operate and maintain the individual private wastewater disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times and at no expense to the County.”

24-166: Mandatory septic tank pump-out.

“Every on-site sewage treatment system in Queen Anne's County (except holding tanks and those systems capable of biological nutrient removal which are subject to a valid contractual agreement providing maintenance therefor) shall be pumped out at least once every five years. In lieu of such pump-out, the owner or owners of an on-site sewage treatment system may submit documentation to the County Department of Finance, certified by a liquid waste hauler licensed by the Queen Anne's County Department of Environmental Health, that based on an internal measurement of the solids in the tank, such solids are less than 1/3 of effluent height as measured by such liquid waste hauler and that the on-site sewage treatment system is in good repair and functioning as originally designed.”

2. Website with educational materials: <https://www.qac.org/526/Septic-Pump-out-Program>

Frederick County

Recommends pumping every 3-5 years

<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2716/Septic-Manual-Large>

Frederick has a Septic System Pump-Out Program that provides a \$75 rebate for pumping every five years. Currently no funding available: <https://frederickcountymd.gov/7574/Septic-System-Pump-Out>

Carroll County

Care and maintenance of the septic system is your responsibility. Recommendation is to check level of solids yearly to determine if pump-out is needed.

<https://cchd.maryland.gov/environmental-health-septic-system-manual/>

Baltimore County

Did not find requirements for frequency of pump-outs

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/environment/groundwatermgmt/regulations.html>