

What can I win?

The most valuable prize for everyone...
a cleaner Chesapeake Bay!

By cleaning or upgrading your septic tank, you may also qualify to win:

Grand prize: One night stay for two at Holiday Inn Select Solomons and up to \$250 reimbursement for the septic tank pump out or upgrade.

1st Prize: Reimbursement of up to \$250 for the tank pump out or upgrade.

Other prizes may include:

- ◆ Prints from Carmen's Art Gallery
- * Gift Certificates from:
 - DiGiovanni's Dock of the Bay Restaurant,
 - Dry Dock Restaurant,
 - West Marine,
 - Twin Shields Golf Course and,
 - gift certificates to other fine establishments

PLUS! Some winners will receive two free passes to County recreational facilities (Calvert Marine Museum, Flag Pond & Breezy Point Park)

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Contest



Pump out or upgrade your septic tank now and qualify to win cash or other great prizes at Patuxent River Appreciation Days 2011!

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The Calvert County Environmental Commission needs your help to clean up the 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 cloud the water and prevent sunlight from reaching the rooted aquatic plants necessary for a healthy Bay. When algae die, their decomposition process uses up oxygen that fish, crabs, and other marine life need to live. Together, these factors create poor water quality and 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?

Sewage contributes up to 25% of the excess nitrogen in Solomons Harbor. Even when operating properly, traditional septic tanks do not treat for nitrogen. It is released into groundwater and eventually enters the Bay. You can help reduce this nitrogen pollution by pumping your septic tank out more frequently (every three to five years) or switching to a model that converts nitrogen to gas that enters the atmosphere rather than the ground water. Every little bit helps!

What’s in it for me to pump or upgrade?

- You will be helping clean up the waters of Calvert County.
- There will be more fish and crabs.
- You could win money to offset the cost of cleaning/improving your septic tank.
- You could win prizes and gift certificates donated by local businesses that care about the Bay.
- By emptying your septic tank more frequently, you might avoid the high cost of repairing a failed septic system.

Who’s eligible to win?

Any resident of Calvert County who pumps or upgrades their septic tank between the dates of October 11, 2010 and October 6, 2011.

When’s the drawing?

The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on October 9 at the Environmental Commission Display Table at the Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD) celebration on the grounds of the Calvert Marine Museum. Find out more about PRAD at www.pradinc.org

How do I enter?

Upgrade to a nitrogen-removing tank with a Bay Restoration Fund grant (www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/planning/environmentalpreservation/, 410-535-1600 ext. 2336) or hire a company to pump out your septic tank.

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

“Pump for the Bay”

Department of Planning & Zoning
150 Main Street
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

******Entries must be received by the Department of Planning & Zoning no later than **4 p.m.** on Thursday, **October 6, 2011.**

Entry Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Work _____

Septic company used _____

(Entrants need not be present at drawing to win)

For additional information call:
410-535-1600 ext. 2338