



YOU CAN HELP CLEAN UP LONG ISLAND'S WATER

- 1) Vote YES on November 8th, if you live in an East End town, to extend the Community Protection Fund and add a category for water quality improvement projects. #CPFVoteYes on social media.
- 2) Be prepared to upgrade to a nitrogen-reducing wastewater treatment system when such systems become available for residential use.
- 3) Reduce or eliminate fertilizer, especially if you live on or near the water. Wherever you live, choose drought-resistant plants and grasses.
- 4) Limit use of bleach. There is a whole ecosystem in your septic system. Bleach kills the microbes that break down solids and process the waste.
- 5) Wash laundry over several days. This spreads out the loading to the system and allows more time for microbes to do their job.
- 6) Use water and energy as efficiently as possible. Don't use the washing machine, dishwasher and shower at the same time. Don't use sprinklers in the rain!
- 7) Do not flush solids down the toilet, including wipes, diapers, tissues, and paper towels. (Toilet paper is ok.) Dispose of unused pharmaceutical products through drug store and community reclamation programs, not down the toilet.
- 8) Limit or discontinue use of garbage disposals. These add unnecessarily large amounts of solids to your system, accelerating the need for pumping.
- 9) Empty fats/oils before cleaning pots and pans, and dispose of coffee grounds in the compost or trash. Grease and coffee grounds will accumulate in the system, increasing the likelihood of back-up and requiring more frequent pumping.
- 10) Join the Long Island Clean Water Partnership and sign up for action alerts at longislandcleanwaterpartnership.org.



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