



House Bill 834- Septic Awareness Act of 2022

Position: Favorable

Maryland REALTORS® believe adding Maryland to the National Septic Smart Week is a positive tool to educate current and future property owners whose property uses onsite sewage disposal systems (septic systems). Failure to maintain and service a home's septic system correctly can lead to expensive homeowner repairs.

HB 834 also requires a purchaser of residential real estate to be notified about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) toolkit on septic outreach. The toolkit provides a simple explanation of actions to take and avoid when living in a property with a septic system. The toolkit contains simple information that can be posted near toilets or sinks as well as more detailed information for owners to review. A snapshot of one of the EPA brochures is on the following page.

The REALTORS® supported amendments in the House (which were accepted) to simplify and make the disclosure more similar to disclosures that currently exist regarding septic systems. We encourage the Senate to support the bill as presented today.

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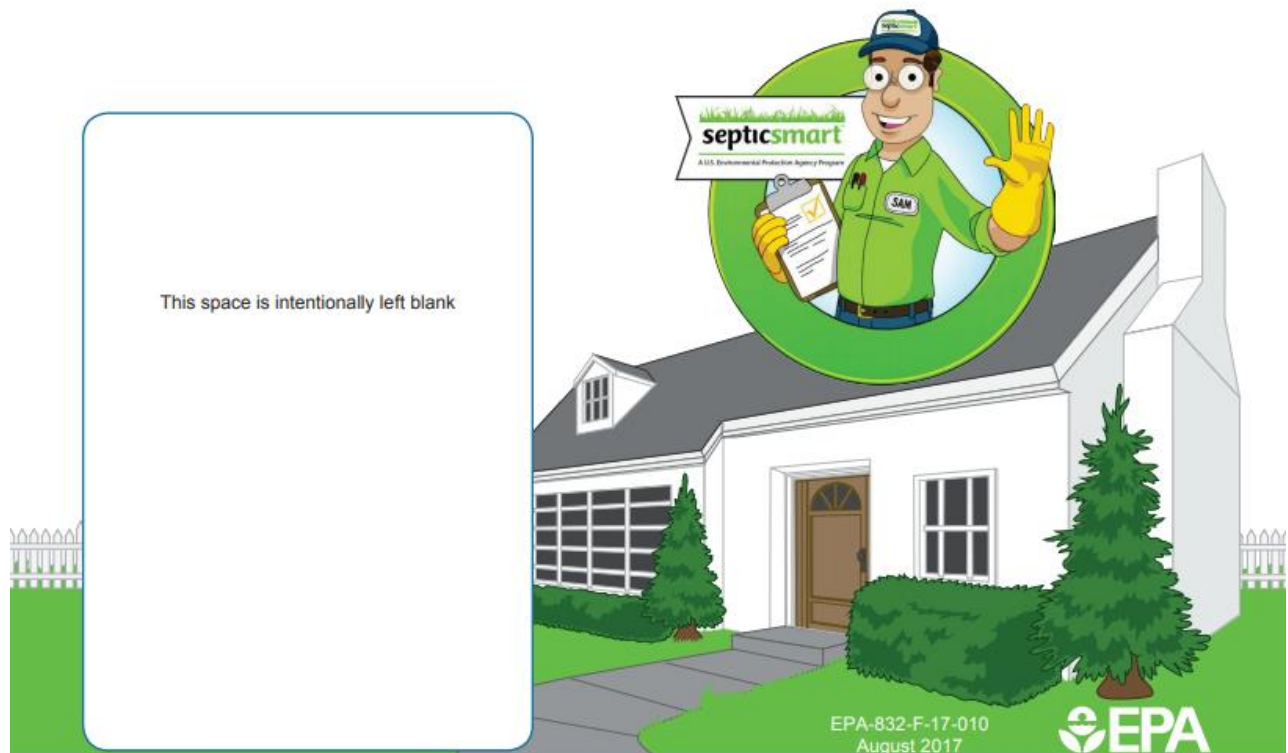
New Homebuyer's Guide to Septic Systems

If you are about to purchase a new home with a septic system, this homebuyer guide is for you!

This guide provides information homebuyers need to know before purchasing a home with a septic system (also known as an onsite wastewater system), how a septic system works, and the importance of having it inspected prior to purchasing a home. In addition, this guide provides information on everyday, preventative, and corrective maintenance for when you are living in your new home.

For additional information, contact your local health department, real estate agent or visit www.epa.gov/septic.

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