

SEPTIC UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

To improve water quality and protect Florida's outstanding springs, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has created an incentive program that encourages the enhancement of conventional septic systems by adding advanced features to reduce nitrogen pollution. This incentive program is designed to offset homeowner costs by providing certified installers and licensed plumbers with up to \$10,000 after the installation of enhanced nitrogen-reducing features to existing septic systems located in targeted areas within eligible counties. This incentive is passed on to the homeowner to reduce their cost for the septic system enhancement. Participating in this program will help protect the environment by reducing excessive nutrients in Florida's waterways.

The program offers incentives, only in designated areas within one of these counties: Citrus, Hernando, Leon, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Seminole, Volusia or Wakulla – identified and delineated by the department as Priority Focus Areas (PFAs), in amounts up to \$10,000 per system. The incentives are available for payment directly to septic system installers and licensed plumbers retained by homeowners to update existing systems, and must be pre-approved by the department prior to the commencement of work. Visit www.FloridaDEP.gov/pfamap, to see if a home location is in an eligible area.

Septic system installers and licensed plumbers may apply to participate in and receive reimbursement for eligible upgrades under the program by completing and submitting the application (including all required attachments), registering as a vendor with the state at Vendor.myFloridaMarketplace.com and completing a Florida Substitute W-9 at FLvendor.myFloridaFCO.com.

Vendor applications must be submitted to the department:

Email

Septic Program@Florida DEP.gov

Regular Mail

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