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**President's Corner**

**2024 – Before we say goodbye --- lets take a minute to look back...**

Can you believe 2024 is almost nothing more than a memory?

This has really been a year of exciting change –in our Association, our Industry, and this lovely Island we all call home. A year goes by so quickly and when you are living it, all the days seem to blend into that hazy, soupy, mess we call life.

Please indulge me for a moment while I recap some of the highlights of 2024...



**The Association**

LILWA has undergone the most incredible transformation over the past year. Tom Gallagher and his staff have left no stone unturned in completely revamping the way we operate.

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## So the Referendum Passed ~ Now What?

The voters in Suffolk County have passed the Clean Water referendum this past November. That is fantastic news for our industry! The Clean Water legislation will provide a revolving revenue source for the grant program for homeowners to replace their aging cesspools and upgrade to an Innovative / Alternative On-site Wastewater Treatment System commonly referred to as I/A systems or Clean Water Septics. The program will ramp up the second quarter of 2025 after the sales tax increase goes into effect in March of 2025. Now is the time for you to complete the required training from each of the manufacturer's representatives of the currently approved clean water septic systems, and start accumulating the required Training Credit Hours. Training for the additional endorsement is easy. The Long Island Advanced Septic Association, Inc. has an on-line, on-demand program that is specifically about the clean water septics and how they work. This program has been approved by Suffolk County Consumer Affairs for 4 credit hours. Additionally, training for the clean water septics is also offered by the University of Rhode Island. Their course is an 8 hour in person program given several times each year.

Once you complete the required additional training and successfully add the endorsement # 10 to your Suffolk County Consumer Affairs license your company can then submit a quote through the Solicitation of Quotes (SOQ) 23-30004 for the materials and labor for the installation of Innovative and Alternative On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems for the Septic Improvement Program (SIP) to set pricing for SIP grant funded I/A OWTS installations. Submitting this SOQ may make your company eligible to be listed on the Suffolk County SIP Approved Vendor List.

There is a lot of potential work ahead and plenty of work to go around for everyone. You have to take a few steps now to be able to participate in the program and serve the future customers who need to upgrade their cesspool or septic systems to an I/A OWTS.

Here are some helpful links:

- ) Long Island Advanced Septic Association, Inc. [www.liasa.info](http://www.liasa.info)
- ) University of Rhode Island / NEOWTP Training  
<https://web.uri.edu/owt/classroom-and-field-training-opportunities/>
- ) Suffolk County Consumer Affairs  
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Be sure to see pages 9 through 11 where you can find each distributor's contact information for all approved I/A OWTS technologies in order to facilitate your company's training on individual system technology, installation practices and its maintenance requirements.



## Preparing for Winter Operations

As winter approaches, all truckers face unique challenges that come with harsh weather conditions. From icy roads to freezing temperatures, navigating the colder months requires preparation, vigilance, and resilience. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to prepare for winter to ensure safety, efficiency, and comfort during your work day.

### WINTERIZE YOUR TRUCK

Ensuring your truck is ready for winter conditions is the first step in preparing for the season. Here's what you need to focus on:

**Inspect Tires:** Ensure your tires have adequate tread depth for

traction on icy roads. Consider using snow tires or carrying tire chains if we experience heavy snowfall.

**Check Fluids:** Ensure all fluids, including antifreeze, engine oil, and windshield washer fluid, are appropriate for colder temperatures.

**Battery Health:** Cold weather can be tough on batteries. Test your battery's strength and replace it if it shows signs of weakness.

**Heating System:** Ensure the truck's heating system is in optimal condition to prevent discomfort and reduce the risk of frostbite.

**Lights and Wipers:** Visibility is crucial during winter. Check all lights and replace windshield wipers to ensure they can handle snow and ice.

**Tank and valves:** Ensure that you have proper coolant flow to all heated valves to prevent freezing. Apply insulation and heat tape if the truck is parked overnight outside.

**Vacuum Systems:** On cold nights be sure to flush all vacuum pumps with diesel fuel to expel all moisture and prevent freeze ups.

### PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Winter conditions can be unpredictable, and being prepared for emergencies is essential. A well-stocked emergency kit should include the following:

**Warm Clothing:** Extra layers, gloves, hats, and thermal socks.

**Blankets:** Insulated blankets to keep warm if stranded.

**First Aid Kit:** To handle minor injuries.

**Flashlights & Batteries:** For visibility during breakdowns in the dark.

**Basic Tools & Tire Chains:** For minor repairs and better traction on icy roads.

**Snow Shovel & Ice Scraper:** To clear snow and ice from around the truck.

### PLAN YOUR ROUTES CAREFULLY

Winter weather can disrupt even the best-laid plans.

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**Check Weather Reports:** Stay updated on weather conditions along your route.

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*Know Your Route: Familiarize yourself with the route, including alternative roads in case of closures or detours.*  
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Communicate Your Plans: Inform your dispatcher and loved ones about your planned route and expected arrival times.

#### DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY!

Winter driving requires a different approach to ensure safety. Keep these tips in mind:

Slow Down: Reduce speed to account for reduced traction on icy or snow-covered roads.

Increase Following Distance: Allow more space between your truck and the vehicle ahead to compensate for longer stopping distances.

Avoid Sudden Movements: Sudden braking, accelerating, or steering can lead to loss of control.

Stay Alert: Be vigilant about road conditions and watch for black ice, especially on bridges and shaded areas.

Use Engine Brakes Wisely: Avoid using engine brakes on slippery surfaces as they can cause skidding.

#### STAY HEALTHY AND COMFORTABLE

Winter months can be tough on the body and mind. Here's how to stay in top condition:

Dress in Layers: Layering helps regulate body temperature and provides flexibility in varying conditions.

Stay Hydrated & Eat Well: Even in cold weather, staying hydrated and maintaining a balanced diet is crucial for energy and focus.

Take Breaks: Driving in winter conditions can be stressful. Regular breaks help reduce fatigue and maintain alertness.

Exercise: Simple exercises during breaks can improve circulation and keep you warm.

#### STAY CONNECTED

In winter, staying connected can be a lifesaver:

Carry a Fully Charged Phone: Always keep your phone charged and consider carrying a power bank.

Use CB Radio: CB radios can be invaluable for real-time road updates and communication with fellow truckers.

Emergency Contacts: Keep a list of emergency contacts, including roadside assistance and your company dispatcher.

#### WINTER IS COMING

Preparing for winter as a truck driver / owner involves meticulous planning and taking proactive measures. By winterizing your truck, packing an emergency kit, planning your routes, driving cautiously, and maintaining your health, you can navigate the challenges of winter trucking safely and efficiently. Remember, the key to a successful winter operation is preparation and adaptability. **Stay safe out there!**

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## Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP) Newsletter 09/30/2024

### The Town of Huntington's Aquaculture Initiatives

This edition of the LINAP newsletter will focus on the Town of Huntington's aquaculture initiatives and how community collaboration can play a critical role in tackling local environmental challenges to achieve impactful results. It features an interview with Garrett Chelius, Deputy Director of the Department of Maritime Services, who provides insights into the town's efforts in areas such as oyster reef restoration and shell recycling.

Aquaculture is a method used to produce food and other commercial products, restore habitat and replenish wild stocks, and rebuild populations of threatened and endangered species. The Town of Huntington has proven to be a leader in aquaculture on Long Island.

Central to the Town's success is the Rotary Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington (REACH), a partnership between the Town of Huntington, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Rotary International. REACH aims to address local environmental challenges through a range of water quality improvement projects. "REACH brings together the expertise of Cornell Cooperative Extension, the volunteer efforts of the Rotarians, and the resources of the Town of Huntington," said Garrett. By leveraging the combined strengths and networks of these organizations, REACH is able to foster a culture of environmental stewardship and drive significant change both within Huntington and beyond.

### Oyster Reef Restoration

One of REACH's signature projects is the restoration of oyster reefs. Oyster reefs are an important ecosystem to Long Island. We all know that oysters are harvested to eat but, did you know they also clean the water by filtering it? Additionally, the way that oysters grow close together and form oyster reefs allow them to be used as habitat by many species of marine life. Oyster reefs also can reduce storm damage by decreasing wave energy, and erosion along shorelines.

Historically, oysters were abundant in the waters around Long Island and New York City. Overharvesting, water quality impairments, and pollution have caused a significant reduction in the population. Many municipalities, environmental groups, and other agencies are working hard to restore the oyster population and oyster reefs across Long Island and New York City. One method of restoration is known as the spat-on-shell method. In nature, oysters are broadcast spawners – meaning that eggs and sperm are released into the water column where fertilization occurs. After floating for a short time, oyster larvae seek a hard substrate to settle on. Once oyster larvae permanently attach to a surface, they are known as spat. The spat-on-shell approach is used to create oyster reefs, mimicking how reefs would form naturally in the wild.

The Town of Huntington uses the spat-on-shell approach, growing oysters specifically for reef restoration rather than consumption. The oysters are nurtured in Floating Upweller Systems (FLUPSYs), which are specialized nursery docks designed to cultivate shellfish until they reach a size suitable for planting

in natural reefs. Cornell Cooperative Extension seeds the shells, and measures and maintains them during the summer months. The Rotary provides volunteers who work to clean the growing shells each week and the Town provides the facilities to house the FLUPSYs as well as the maritime vessels needed for this program.

The project has evolved from an initial focus on survival rates to a comprehensive reef-building effort. Northport Marina Woodbine and Gold Star Battalion Beach now host dedicated FLUPSYs for this work, with local yacht clubs also running related programs. "In the first two summers, we planted over 450,000 oysters in local bays," Garrett notes. "These reefs filter water and provide habitat for marine life. We've exceeded that number this year alone."





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### Oyster Shell Recycling

Another critical initiative is the Town's shell recycling program. This effort collects discarded oyster and clam shells from local restaurants, cleans and cures them, and uses them as substrate or host shells for future oyster reefs. Volunteers collect the shells from participating restaurants and deposit them at the shell curing area. Once the shells have cured for nine months to remove all pathogens, as required by the Department of Environmental Conservation, they become substrate for oyster seedlings. "Since starting the program in May 2023, we've collected over 500 five-gallon buckets of shells," Garrett reports.

The shell recycling program is an important step in the Town's overall oyster reef building project. With this initiative, the Town of Huntington is now becoming a model, providing shell stock to other towns and cities to begin their own programs. "The success of the program has been remarkable," Garrett adds with pride. "We've now reached the point where we export shells to support other Long Island communities, becoming net exporters in the process."

Over 500,000 Oysters Ready to be Deployed in the Bay  
Over 500,000 oysters ready to be deployed in the bay this summer. Photo Credit: Town of Huntington.



### Growing Sugar Kelp

Huntington is also at the forefront of cultivating sugar kelp, a native Long Island seaweed that can be grown in the winter months. This seaweed absorbs nitrogen and carbon dioxide from the water and, once harvested and dried, can serve as an eco-friendly fertilizer. "Our sugar kelp program has two primary objectives: to reduce nitrogen levels in our waterways and to provide a sustainable alternative to traditional fertilizers," Garrett explains.

With a new greenhouse and equipment donated by Lazy Point Farms and the Moore Foundation, the Town is now able to dry and process the kelp locally. "The first year, we took our harvested kelp to a farm for processing. But last year, Lazy Point Farms generously donated a greenhouse, allowing us to dry and process our kelp locally. Lazy Point Farms also donated a hammer mill machine, so we're going to try to make the kelp into a powder so it's even more concentrated," Garrett explains. Groundskeepers at several town parks and golf courses have expressed interest in using the kelp as a natural bio-stimulant and soil amendment.

The Town plans to expand this project with additional kelp lines in all of the Town's bays and harbors.

In addition to marine initiatives, Huntington is growing native plants to help restore and protect local habitats. For ten months of the year, when the greenhouse is not in use for drying the kelp, the focus will shift to propagating plant species native to Long Island to be planted on town property. "We're focusing on native plants that will help manage stormwater runoff and support local bee and butterfly populations," says Garrett. "These efforts are crucial for maintaining the health of our upland areas where stormwater runoff goes right into the harbor." The town plans to use the kelp as natural fertilizer to grow the natives and plant them at strategic locations throughout the town where stormwater runoff is problematic.



### Educating Huntington's Future Environmental Stewards

The town is also expanding its educational outreach with the addition of two new outdoor classrooms at Gold Star Battalion Beach where one of the Town's FLUPSY is kept. This exciting development, funded by a grant from the Rotary and supported by Stony Brook University, represents a major step forward in providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities. These outdoor classrooms will be designed to offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. By integrating the natural environment into the curriculum, the new facilities will enable students to engage with their studies in a



in a real-world context, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental science and sustainability. The initiative aims to inspire and educate the next generation of environmental stewards to continue to protect Huntington's marine

## Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP) Special Announcement

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is in the process of developing a new strategic plan for Long Island's water resources called the Long Island Action Agenda. Listening sessions to provide an overview of the Long Island Action Agenda were held on Wednesday, November 21st and Thursday, November 22nd. The information presented at both sessions were the same. However, the Q&A was unique to each session. Watch the meeting recordings at the links below.

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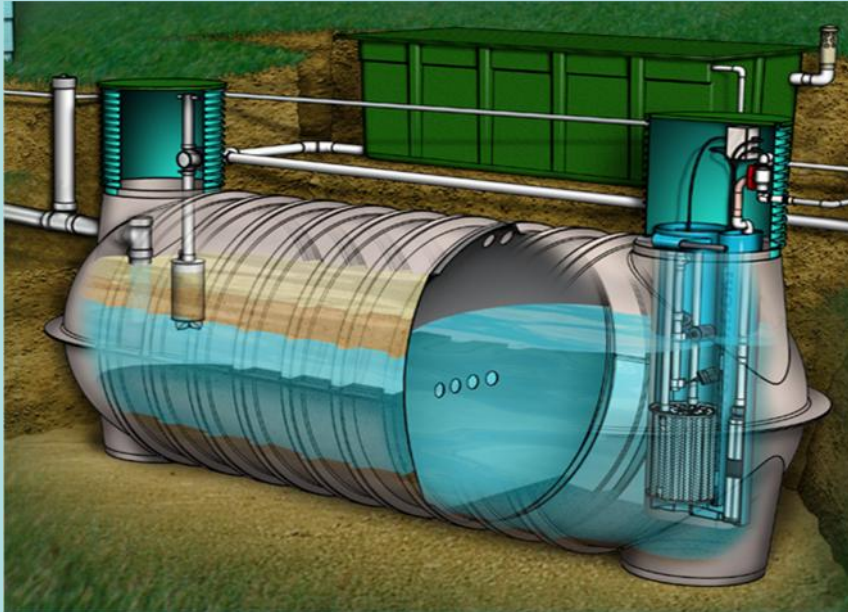


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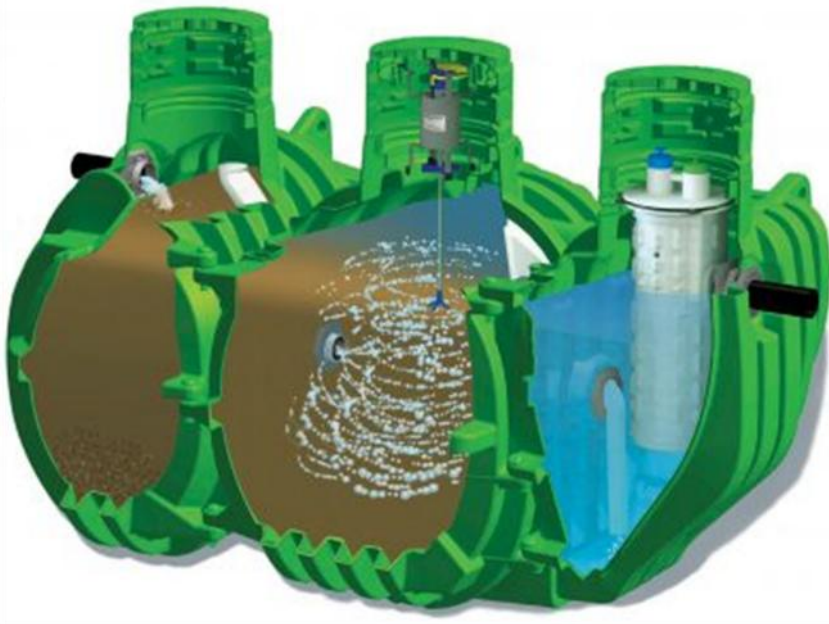
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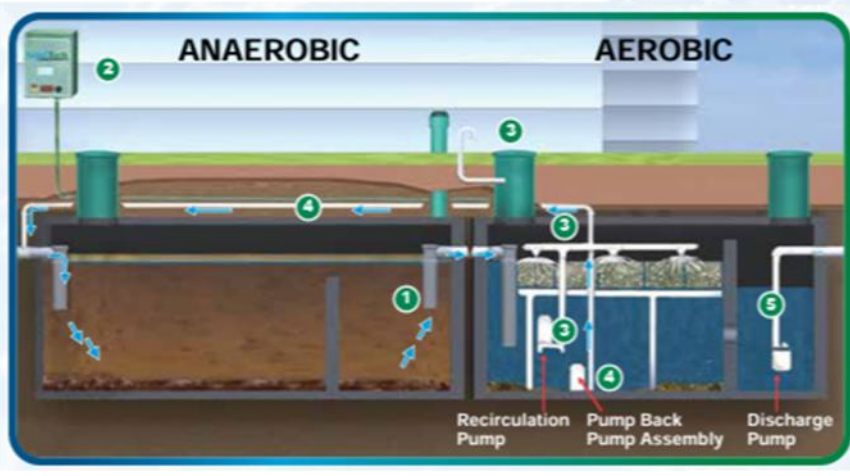
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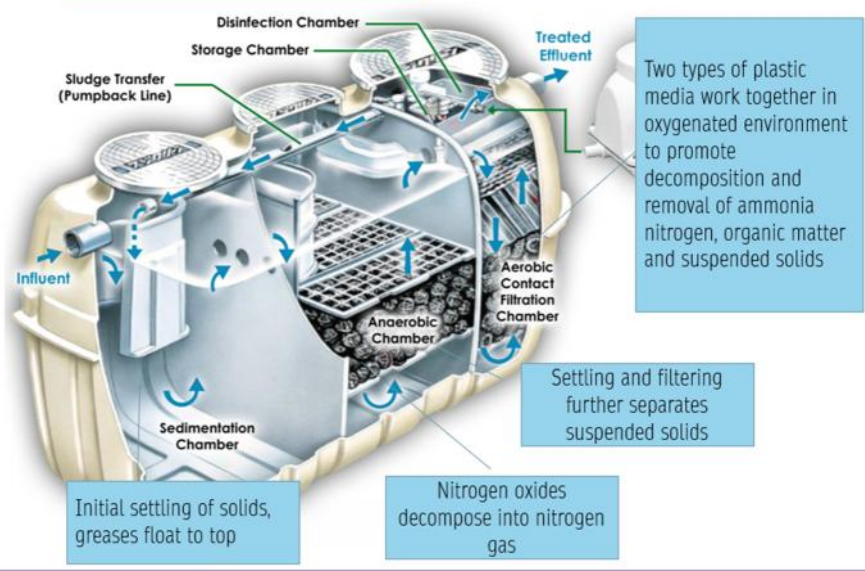
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If you haven't had a chance to check out the new website, please give it a look. There is a lot of useful information there.

Feel free to write an article, send in a photo of a cool job that you are working on. I know we are always looking for content to publish so send it in to LILWA . It would be greatly appreciated.

Who would have thought that it would have taken **50 years** for our Association to be introduced to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ---but thanks to Tom and his team we are firmly in the digital age! Thanks Tom!!!!!!

### **The Industry**

The changes within our industry are happening so quickly. The new I/A systems aren't a **new** thing anymore. They have become mainstream technology and have connected the "cesspool haulers" or "honey wagon drivers" (if you are as old as I am) with an entire new group of professionals. We now work daily, with Engineers, Instrumentation & Controls people, electricians, architects and a whole host of other people from a variety of backgrounds & disciplines. All these people bring a wealth of information from their respective fields. This sharing of information and ideas makes us better informed. It lets us look at things from a different perspective and it also lets these "White Collar" trades know that these cesspool guys may now be a thing or two – and we can learn from each other. This only helps to give the Customer a better finished product and helps protect our Long Island ecosystem.

The recent passing of a small Sales Tax increase that is slated to go into effect in 2025 will help ensure that the funding is in place to keep these I/A installations rolling and also provide funding for upgrades to existing facilities.

### **Lastly – a THANK YOU**

It has been 50 years since LILWA was formed. Back then it was just an idea – an idea that the industry needed representation and that together we were stronger than operating as individual operators.

Let's take a moment to thank & recognize those that came before us and made it possible for us to be the Association that we are today. I am talking about the original members like Ralph Macchio, Dick Lang, Kevin Andriola, Linda Perlow, Frank Aparo, Skip Norsic, and Dick Crescenzo, and so many others I can't even name.

They set the course for this industry and that torch has now been passed to the new breed of business owners that have embraced change, embraced technology and are excited for the future of this industry.

Hopefully you can carve out 10 minutes between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> to reflect on your business this past year. What worked- what totally sucked –and where do you want to go in 2025?

LILWA will be here with you every step of the way.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Best wishes for a prosperous 2025!

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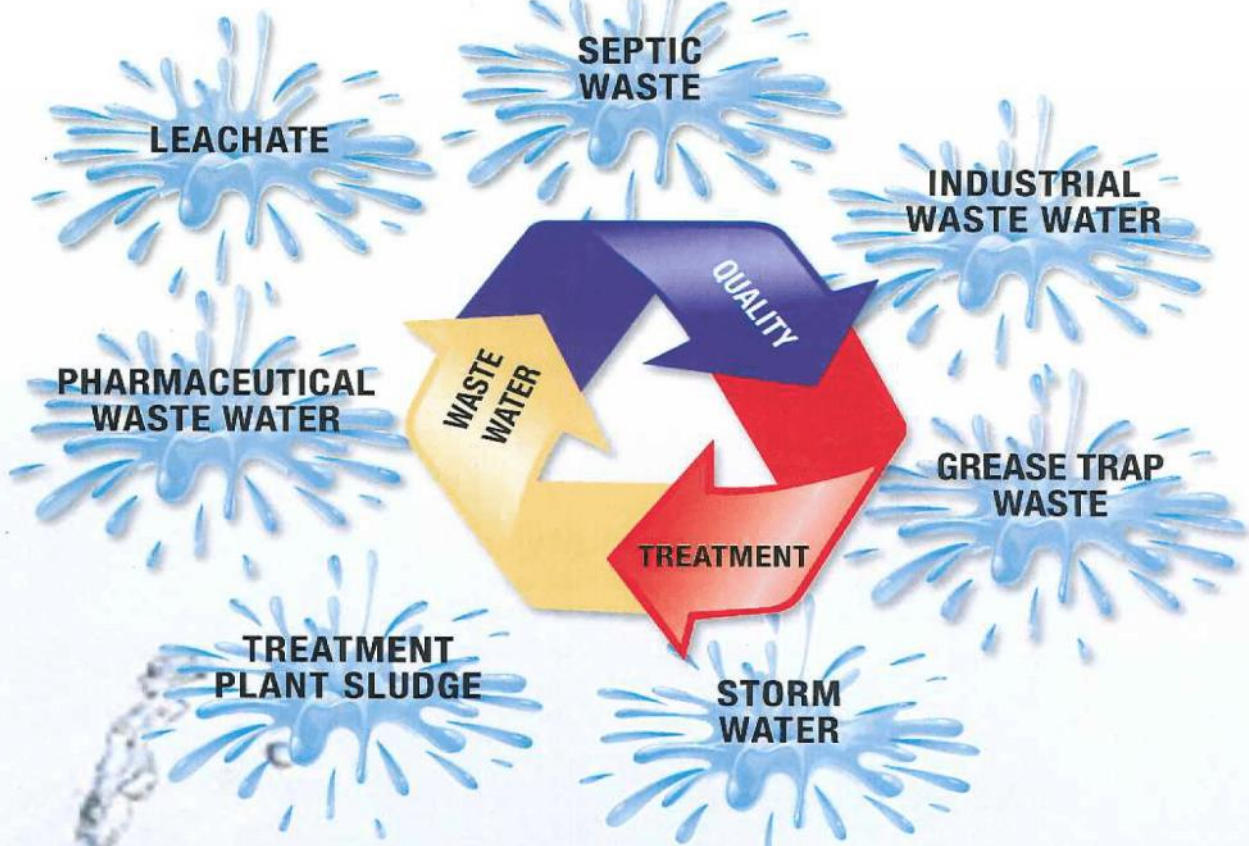
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The LILWA Certification program has been approved by Suffolk County to fulfill the qualifications of endorsements 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 9. It is an **8 Training Credit Hour (TCH)** webinar presentation designed to educate those applying for or renewing a Suffolk County Septic License. **LILWA certification consists of online videos and quizzes. The program takes about 8 hours to complete. You can start or stop at anytime and your progress is saved. You must complete all sections and successfully complete all quizzes to earn the certificate of completion.**

Study guides and registration forms are available online at <http://www.lilwa.org/certification-program>

Please note: A separate registration is required for each person who completes the course.

If you have any questions please call the LILWA office at (631) 585-0448 or email [info@lilwa.org](mailto:info@lilwa.org) we are here to assist you.



Long Island Advanced Septic Association, Inc.

LIASA is proud to provide education and training to the Liquid Waste Industry. As part of our ongoing efforts we have launched an online training program for Innovative/Alternative OWTS. This program is designed with I/A Installers, Service Providers and Design Professionals in mind and awards 4 credit hours towards the SC Consumer Affairs Liquid Waste licenses. (Including Endorsements 10 & 11)

Our online platform allows participants to take this 4-hour training course from the comfort of their home or office (or wherever you can grab some quiet time) and at whatever time works for you. This self-directed program allows participants to begin and complete the training at your own pace. Once started, participants have 30 days to finish the program.

You decide how, where and when to fit the training into your schedule.

<https://www.liasa.info/webinars>

## NAWT Online Vacuum Truck Training Information (6 CEU Credit Hours)

Potential participants interested in Vacuum Truck Training should follow the link provided below to learn more and to register for the online Vacuum Truck Training course.



The Vacuum Truck Technician training course is targeted to those that own or operate a vacuum truck which is used to clean septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, holding tanks or grease traps. It is directed specifically at owners and employees who may just be starting in business and need a good solid base of information to work with to perform their daily tasks. At the same time this one day training provides a good refresher and overview for even experienced operators.

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<https://nawt-training.digitalchalk.com/learn/nawt-online-vacuum-truck-training-course>

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This exclusive optional member benefit primarily allows for the communication of traffic alerts including road closures, accident reporting, enforcement, road hazards and other potentially avoidable delays that can disrupt the average workday.

Your express written consent is required to participate in the Text Alert Network Program. Upon verification of your membership status, the mobile number provided will be enrolled in the program. Usually within 24 to 48 hours.

Each association membership is permitted to register ONE (1) mobile number with the service. You can then share and disseminate the information within your own firms as necessary.

Subscribe at the following link:

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## See Something ???

To report alerts you would like to share with fellow members send a text with relevant info to: **866-798-2685**

*REMEMBER this service is only as valuable as the information received and distributed. All members are encouraged to sign up and start sharing with associates in our community today.*

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- LI Liquid Waste Assoc. DOT Sunrise Hwy Shinnecock West bound Text STOP to ...



## New York 811 Excavation Training & Education Program

MANDATORY LAW CHANGE (Senate Bill S.6756 and Assembly Bill 9985)

On November 5, 2018, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Senate Bill S.6756 and Assembly Bill 9985 into Law with the intent to greatly reduce the number of excavation related accidents thereby providing greater public safety and protection. The amendment to NYS Code Rule 753 will require any municipality or operator that engages in excavation work to require its excavators to complete a training and education program from their local One Call Notification Center. Learn more about the law change here.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s6756/amendment/a>

Under this newly enacted law, receiving New York 811 Excavator Training & Education Program will constitute compliance with the law. This training will be available at no cost to the excavator or organization. To request on site training, please contact New York 811 at 631-778-8111 or email: [email@ny811inc.com](mailto:email@ny811inc.com)

To enroll in online training use the button or link below:



<https://certification.newyork-811.com/>





## Suffolk County Septic Haulers Information Portal (SHIP) New Notification (10/2024)

From: SCDHS RME <scdhsrme@suffolkcountyny.gov>  
To: SCDHS RME <scdhsrme@suffolkcountyny.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 04:55:02 PM EDT  
Subject: Septic Haulers Information Portal (SHIP) Website Notification.

Dear liquid waste industry professional,

This notice is to inform you that beginning **December 1, 2024** the former Septic Haulers Information Portal (SHIP) URL ([ship.suffolkcountyny.gov](http://ship.suffolkcountyny.gov)) will no longer be accessible. All licensed liquid waste professionals should begin going directly to the current SHIP on Suffolk County's Accela Citizen Access (ACA) portal at <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SUFFOLKCO>.

Please bookmark this new URL (<https://aca-prod.accela.com/SUFFOLKCO>) for easy access to the ACA portal.

Very truly yours,

**Suffolk County Department of Health Services**  
**Division of Environmental Quality**  
**360 Yaphank Avenue**  
**Yaphank, NY 11980**

**LILWA's meeting of the Board of Directors**  
typically take place 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Sign up to Join our **Next Virtual Meeting**

All are welcome and encouraged to participate

**Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 7 PM**

[www.lilwa.org/meeting-sign-up](http://www.lilwa.org/meeting-sign-up)

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## What's your Plan ?

The Liquid Waste Industry on Long Island is largely comprised of family owned and operated small business ventures. Several times a year the licensing review board is approached by individuals who find themselves ill prepared to transition their company's licensing status to successor or alternate applicant, usually following the unexpected passing of a corporate officer or sole proprietor. LILWA and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs urges all license holders to **formulate and implement** a contingency plan that will mitigate this burden for your dependents, heirs, and employees. We suggest you read through this PARTIAL list of requirements and assess how well prepared you are to identify a potential successor to your licensing needs.



### LIQUID WASTE LICENSE INSTRUCTIONS

**Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Septic Tank, Sewer Drain Treatment, Bacteria Additives & Maintenance Field**

**\*\*\*\*\*All applicants MUST be a Member/Officer/Owner/Partner of the business in order to apply, no exceptions.\*\*\*\*\***

- A detailed written description of your work experience, including "hands on" tasks performed by you while working in the trade for which you wish to be licensed,
- You MUST provide documented proof of five (5) of the last ten (10) years of employment by a licensed employer in the field for which you are applying for a license. [This can be verified by: •W2 Forms. Signed and dated copies of 1040 Federal income tax forms. (Only the first 2 pages are necessary.) • IRS wage form IT-2 (optional)]
- Copies of diplomas and/or certificates of full time completed courses. (Partial credit for up to one year for completed courses)
- NOTE: DO NOT black out income wages, paperwork will not be accepted. Any information provided on the application MUST match the provided income documentation. \*DO NOT submit joint tax paperwork.
- Provide 5 years of trade invoices when selecting endorsements number 9 and 10.
- Have the "Verification of Employment" form, signed, and notarized by your most present or former employer(s), attesting to your employment. **Verification of Employment is MANDATORY, no exceptions.**
- Complete the Affirmation form. You must select "A" OR "B", not both. Complete the form and sign it. This form does not have to be notarized.
- All applicants for the Suffolk County Occupational Licenses MUST complete the entire application.
- Any "YES" answer on the "Background Information Form" MUST be accompanied by a detailed explanation. Legal documented proof is required, IE: Resolution, appropriate disposition, and discharge of an obligation.
- All documentation submitted must be a copy. Submitted documents will not be returned, nor will a copy be made.

Direct all questions regarding new license applications to :



**SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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