



HERNANDO COUNTY SEPTIC UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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SEPTIC UPGRADE INFORMATION

The purpose of the Hernando County Septic Upgrade Incentive Program is to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional septic systems also known as Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) to include nitrogen reducing enhancements. The incentive program is intended to offset a portion of homeowner costs by providing certified septic system installers and licensed plumbers with up to \$7,500 for the installation of enhanced nitrogen-reducing features to existing homes within Hernando County that are located within the Weeki Wachee Springs Priority Focus Area.

Applications for assistance in the program are accepted on a first come, first served basis, as funds are available. Return the application with the required supporting documents to:

**Government Services Group, Inc.
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, FL 32308**

Please call Tara Reynolds, Government Services Group at (850) 681-3717 for assistance.

Applications will not be accepted at any other location or by any Hernando County Staff.

*******PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION*******

General Information

Septic Upgrades Incentive

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through Hernando County will provide incentive payments for eligible recipients of up to \$7,500 per installation to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional septic systems. All payments will be made on the homeowner's behalf directly to the licensed contractor. This program encourages homeowners located in the eligible areas to make improvements and to offset the costs of those improvements.

Construction Process

All work included in the contract will be between the homeowner and the contractor. The homeowner will select a contractor from the list of participating contractors to perform the enhanced septic upgrade work. All work will be awarded to licensed plumbers/septic contractors in compliance with grant specifications and licensing requirements. Contractors will be paid with grant funds with a limit of \$7,500 maximum award amount. Contracts exceeding this amount must be paid for with homeowner funds once the \$7,500 maximum has been reached. At contract signing, the homeowner must make payment to the contractor for the contract amount that exceeds the \$7,500 limit.

Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the Hernando County Septic Upgrade Incentive Program. Eligible applicants will be served on a first come/first served basis. **All signatures must be in blue ink to distinguish originals from copies.** Scanned, faxed, or email copies of applications will not be accepted.

Please submit a copy of your warranty deed or a copy of your property card from the property appraiser's office. All property taxes must be current, each applicant will be reviewed and if property taxes are not current, you will not be eligible for grant funding until all past due property taxes are paid.

Only one (1) application shall be mailed per envelope. Government Services Group will not accept or process applications mailed in bulk.

IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR PROBLEM, WHOM DO I CALL?

If you have a question or problem, you may contact Tara Reynolds, Government Services Group, Inc. at the following number: (850) 681-3717.

NOTICE:

Florida Statute 817 provides that willful false statements are a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by fines and imprisonment provided under Statutes 775.082 or 775.83. You further understand that any willful misstatement of information will be grounds for disqualification. You will sign your application certifying that the application information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Please go to application forms

DO NOT INCLUDE INSTRUCTION PAGES WHEN SUBMITTING APPLICATION

**HERNANDO COUNTY SEPTIC UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

General Information		Property Owner(s)	
Full Name:			
Full Property Address: (include city and zip code)			
Full Mailing Address: (if different)			
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
Email Address:			

As the homeowner of record, I/we agree to pay for any program costs that are incurred over and above the \$7,500 limit for septic system improvements or otherwise not covered by the grant. * All work will be performed by licensed plumbers or licensed septic installers selected by the homeowner from the list of participating contractors. All work is to be inspected and approved by the appropriate county department or agency staff.

All work must be in compliance with all applicable county codes and health department requirements.

I/we understand that Florida Statute 817 provides that willful false statements or misrepresentation is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by fines and imprisonment provided under Statutes 775.082 or 775.83. I/we further understand that any willful misstatement of information will be grounds for disqualification. I/we certify that the application information provided is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we agree to provide any documentation needed to assist in determining eligibility and are aware that all information and documents provided are a matter of public record.

I/we consent to access of the property listed herein from the County department, agency staff, and the contractor to perform all acts necessary to make improvements to the existing septic system and to abandon the existing on-site septic system, if applicable.

Property Owner(s) Print Name Date

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*Homeowners are responsible for all costs over the \$7,500 maximum grant award.