

Cost Comparison: Septic System vs. Sewer

| Summary of Estimated Costs | Annualized Avoided Costs | Annualized Sewer Costs |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pump out: every three years @ \$300 | \$100 | na |
| New leach field or septic replacement for cesspool: 20 years @ 5% (\$10,000 - \$20,000) | \$800 - \$1600 | na |
| One-time hook up: 20 years @ 5% (\$2500 - \$4000) | na | \$200 - \$325 |
| Electricity for grinder pumps: | na | \$25 |
| Sewer usage charge: | na | \$300 |
| Subtotal without Betterment: | \$900 - \$1700 | \$525 - \$650 |
| Comparison: Septic system versus total sewer cost including \$598 betterment (70% betterment @ 0% for 30 years) | \$900 - \$1700 | \$1123 - \$1248 |

**To estimate your sewer usage charge:
double your annual water bill**