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NEWS from the CWC

Free classes explain septic basics for homeowners

MARGARETVILLE, NY, April 5, 2011 – The Catskill Watershed Corporation will conduct free classes in Margaretville and Hunter on septic system operation and maintenance.

“Your Septic System: What Every Homeowner Should Know” will be offered at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the CWC office, 905 Main St., Margaretville, and at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6 at the Hunter Town Hall, Route 23A between the Villages of Hunter and Tannersville.

Pre-registration is not required. A free water saving kit will be provided for each household attending the class. For more information, call the CWC at 845-586-1400.

The class includes a slide program covering types of systems and how they work; basic biology and soil filtration concepts of wastewater treatment; health and environment effects that can result from failed septic systems; roles and responsibilities of homeowners, regulators, engineers and contractors; basic maintenance requirements of septic system components; how to protect against inflow and infiltration; the case against septic system additives, and troubleshooting when problems develop.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices on upper Main Street, Margaretville, Delaware County, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

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