

URGENT NOTICE

If you own a pool:

On July 22nd the Southampton Town Board passed a new law **effective October 1, 2008**. This law mandates **solar heating** as the **only lawful method** of heating a pool, whether the heater is being used as a replacement or for a new installation.

The L.I. pool industry supports the intent of the law, which is to decrease energy use, and promote energy efficiency. However, the law as it is written unfairly affects all pool owners in the Town of Southampton who wish to heat their pool.

- Many pool owners already practice good energy conservation through use of energy efficient heaters and solar products.
- This law unnecessarily mandates a very limited and often ineffective way to heat a pool. In fact, many homes are simply not good candidates for solar system installation. The only relief allowed in the law is for small lots which have pre-existing pool heaters and/or homes of "historical significance".
- Indeed, there are many environmentally sound ways to promote overall energy efficiency for swimming pools that are not addressed in this law. Supervisor Kabot and the Town Board did not even consider these alternatives.

This law was passed in great haste, without researching alternatives or considering community concerns.

**There will be a Public Hearing
on Tuesday, 9/9/08 at 1:00 p.m.
at Southampton Town Hall.**

You should attend this Public Hearing and tell Supervisor Kabot and each member of the Town Board to **delay the 10/1 enactment of this unfair law**, and to consider better ways to promote energy efficiency for swimming pools. If you cannot attend, you may write letters to the address below.

Contact your elected officials:

Hon. Linda Kabot, Supervisor
631-283-6055

Town Council: 631-287-5745

Hon. Nancy Graboski

Hon. Chris Nuzzi

Hon. Dan Russo

Hon. Anna Throne-Holst

Southampton Town Hall

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For more information on this important issue, or for energy-saving ideas for your pool:

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