

Vassalboro
LD 832

My husband and I purchased our home in Vassalboro in July of 2021. What should have been an exciting experience for us became a constant struggle, shortly after. Upon our first sewage bill of \$450+, we found out that this is a normal quarterly bill. A quarterly bill that we have struggled immensely to pay. We have had to place our home in a forbearance, we have struggled to keep food on the table. We have had to put home repairs off due to having to prioritize our astronomical sewer bill every three months. This is not including the water bill. On top of this, we have had sewage back-ups, basement flooding and many letters sent to our home (along with all of Vassalboro) explaining how delicate this multi-million-dollar sewage system is. For something that costs so much, you would think that it would work flawlessly. I have been in risk of having a lien placed on my home many times and still struggle to pay it even 60 days past due.

My husband and I have decided to put our home up for sale due to the sewer situation. The cost of living on a normal circumstance is outrageous enough. This added expense is off the charts and we will not be victim of it any more. We have spoken with neighbors and friends of ours that reside in Vassalboro who are also placing their homes for sale due to the same reason. Vassalboro is dying off because of the cost of this single bill each quarter.

It's a shame that families have to lose the American dream due to unknowingly becoming responsible for a purchase that we never agreed to or knew we were getting into. It's criminal. It should be mandatory to proactively disclose the sewer cost to all residents and/or future residents!