

Greywater is household wastewater that has not been contaminated with toilet discharge (blackwater). Greywater includes wastewater from baths, showers, bathroom wash basins, clothes washing machines, sinks (including kitchen sinks) and laundry tubs.

Yes You Can!

Follow these
common-sense rules

- Avoid human and animal contact with greywater.
- Don't allow hazardous chemicals, such as oils, solvents, pesticides, etc. into your greywater system.
- Don't use diaper wash water or other "poopy" water in your greywater system.
- Don't produce more than 2,000 gallons of greywater per day.
- Don't let water pool on the ground surface.

- Keep your greywater out of streams, rivers, ponds, wells and other water sources.
- Keep your greywater on your property unless you have written, notarized permission from your neighbor.
- Have a backup system in case something goes wrong. Have a way to send your greywater to your sewage (or septic) system **OR** have a second greywater use that can handle the full flow.

Do I Need A Permit?

Probably not. If you follow the "common-sense rules", the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not require a permit. In addition, use the resources on the back of this pamphlet to be sure that your greywater system is legal. Also check with your town, city, or county planning department to be sure that a local or municipal permit is not required.

What Should I Do First?

Before starting your greywater project, learn as much as you can about how to do it. There are some great designs that you can modify to fit your situation. These examples are detailed in the resources on the back of this pamphlet.

Tools!

DEQ will not tell you what tools are required for the job. You can figure that out yourself. Rather, DEQ is talking about **planning tools**.

A little bit of planning and forethought in the beginning will save you time, money, and hassle when operating your greywater system. Additionally, there are several common mistakes that can be avoided.

Publications about greywater are readily available online and in libraries. DEQ recommends that you draw on these resources. Avoiding one mistake will make the research pay for itself!

If you hire a contractor to install an integrated or elaborate system, it is best to educate yourself first.