



Septic & Greywater Reuse Application and Installation Requirements

Septics

Unsewered properties within the Shire of Exmouth are required to be connected to an effluent disposal system for the treatment of waste water. As these systems have the potential to impact the environment and pose a risk to public health, they are regulated by the Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974. These Regulations require an 'Application to Construct or Install an Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage' to be submitted to the Shire for approval prior to construction.

Greywater

Waste water from the bath, shower, hand basins, laundry trough, washing machine and kitchen sink, can be treated and applied to the garden using an approved Greywater Reuse System. These systems also require approval for installation and follow the same approval process as septic systems. Please contact the Shire's Environmental Health Services for a list of Department of Health approved greywater reuse systems.

1) Detailed Plans to Accompany Applications

Please submit with the application to construct a septic/greywater reuse system; two copies of site plans for the premises to a scale of 1:100 showing:

- a) The position of all buildings currently on site and proposed to be built on site;
- b) The position and type (i.e. toilet, shower, basin etc) of fixtures intended to discharge into the apparatus;
- c) Details of the effluent disposal system including dimensions of tanks and drainage/irrigation system as well as the location of pipes, inspection openings, vents, traps and junctions.
- d) Distance of the apparatus from all buildings, boundaries, bores, trafficable areas, waterways and water bodies.

An application servicing a building that is not a single dwelling or that produces more than 540L of sewage a day are required to be forwarded to the Department of Health for approval. These applications are to be accompanied by 3 copies of the plans and specifications of the proposed installation, these applications must be assessed by the Executive Director Public Health.

Please note – the Shire will not approve an application without adequate plans; and it is an offence under Section 107 2 (a) of the Health Act 1911 to construct a system without approval from the Local Government Authority.

2) Approval to Construct or Install an Apparatus

The application will be assessed by the Shire's Environmental Health Services to determine compliance of the system with the Regulations. Once assessed, an 'Approval to Construct or Install an Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage' will be issued to the applicant.

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3) Final Inspections and 'Permit to Use'

The installer is to notify the Shire's Environmental Health Services when a septic/greywater system is installed. The system must not be covered with soil until the Shire's Environmental Health Officer has performed a final inspection. A 'Permit to Use' certificate will be issued when the final inspection reveals the system is installed in accordance with the approval.

Please note – it is an offence under Section 107 (4) of the Health Act 1911 to use an apparatus before it has been inspected and a Permit to Use the apparatus issued.

For further information please contact the Shire Office on 9949 3000
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