

Responses to Query on Gray Water Use

**Staff Query to HCED Listserve:** *We are seeking recent information or resources to help us understand the latest technology related to gray water use. We are especially interested in ways that cities can encourage and facilitate the use of gray water.*

City	Response	Links
Davis	Adopted an ordinance in 2014 that enables installation of domestic plumbing for gray water systems provided they are in accordance with the California Plumbing Code. Webpage devoted to gray water systems	<a href="http://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/public-works/water/water-conservation/saving-water-indoors/grey-water">http://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/public-works/water/water-conservation/saving-water-indoors/grey-water</a>
San Anselmo (and all of Marin Municipal Water District)	Marin Municipal Water District adopted gray water regulations/requirements In Feb. 2016. Requires new construction (residential and commercial) that requires new water service or enlarged water service from MMWD install gray water systems unless specific exceptions are met.	<a href="https://www.marinwater.org/155/Graywater">https://www.marinwater.org/155/Graywater</a>
Berkeley	Webpage devoted to gray water systems	<a href="http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=45756">http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=45756</a>
Santa Rosa	Webpage and gray water rebate program	<a href="http://ci.santarosa.ca.us/departments/utilities/conservation/Pages/Graywater.aspx">http://ci.santarosa.ca.us/departments/utilities/conservation/Pages/Graywater.aspx</a>
Arroyo Grande	Staff recommended a requirement for greywater plumbing for all new residential development when adopting the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, but Council was not in favor.	
San Luis Obispo	Has a comprehensive guide for public information on grey water.	<a href="http://www.slocity.org/government/departments-directory/utilities-department/conservation/current-drought-information/graywater-systems">http://www.slocity.org/government/departments-directory/utilities-department/conservation/current-drought-information/graywater-systems</a>
Barstow	Staff was exploring the topic but the inability to regulate what goes into the greywater system stopped the concept immediately. The fact is, there is no way of controlling what goes into the greywater system, and how that may affect the groundwater. Our Industrial Pretreatment Supervisor did not recommend pursuing it at this time due to the non-biodegradable detergents and other chemicals that are likely to be used. Suggests, as an incentive instead of a requirement, providing a three-way valve for simple laundry to landscape systems.	
Encinitas	Adopted an ordinance requiring pre-plumbing for all new single-family homes for grey water piping. Developed a handout and submittal requirements and waives fees for typical residential installation.	<a href="http://www.encinitasca.gov/index.aspx?page=490">http://www.encinitasca.gov/index.aspx?page=490</a> .