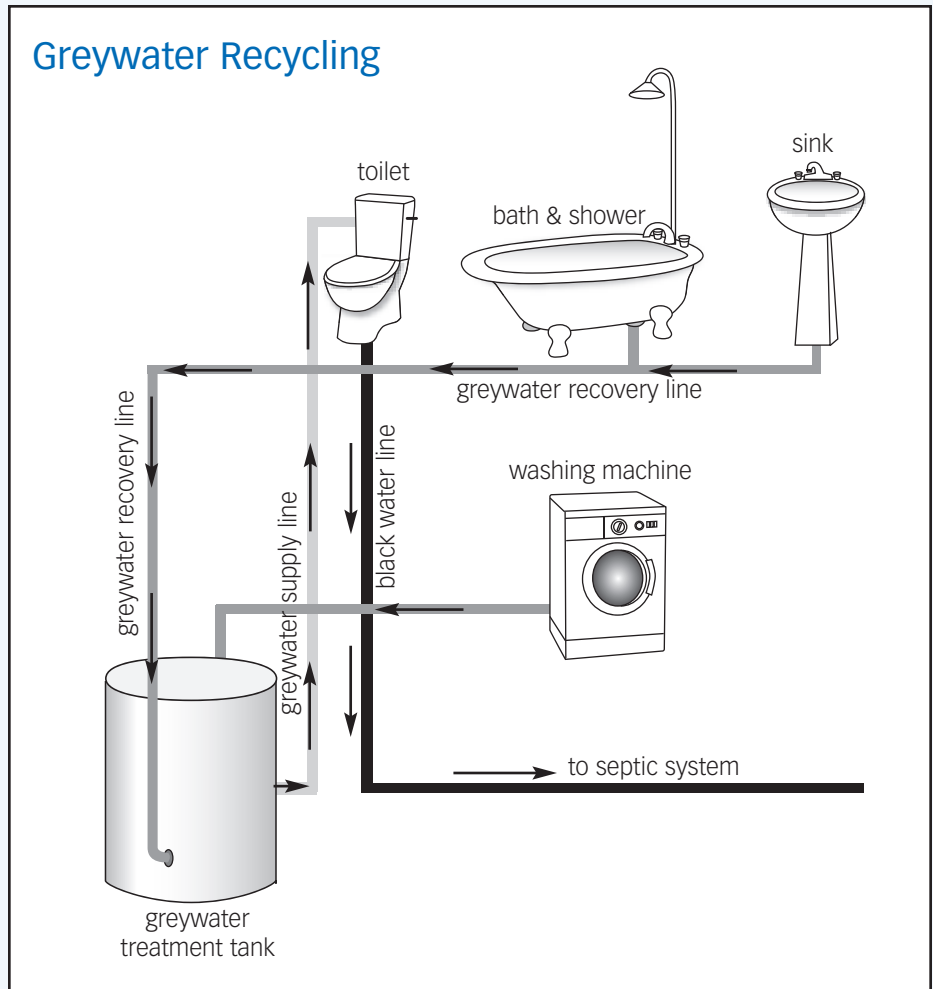


Water Conservation

Water conservation is always a good thing. When it comes to your septic system, the more a household conserves, the less water enters the septic system. Efficient water use can improve the bacterial action of the septic system and reduce the risk of failure.

- Check for leaky taps and leaking toilets. Each small drip adds up.
- Replace your inefficient toilets with a low-flush, high-efficiency or a dual flush toilet (up to a 50 percent reduction in water use).
- Use faucet aerators and high-efficiency showerheads to reduce water use (up to a 30 percent reduction in water use).
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Consider purchasing a high-efficiency washing machine (up to a 50 percent reduction in water and energy use).
- Wash full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection.
- Consider water-efficient models when replacing your dishwasher (up to a 40 percent reduction in water use).



If you have recurring potable water shortages and are building a new home, you may want to consider recycling your greywater. Greywater recycling collects wastewater from the bath, shower, dishwasher and washing machine. It is treated and reused for toilet flushing. Greywater is not to be used for drinking water or bathing. It requires disinfection to prevent fouling the system.

Your local onsite sewage system professional can help guide you on greywater systems suitable for your new home construction.

Other Information Sources:

- Municipal Building Department
- Local Health Unit
- Local Conservation Authority
- Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre
- Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association
- Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services