

Grey Water refers to the reuse of water from baths, showers, washing machines, and sinks (household wastewater excluding toilet wastes) for irrigation and other water conservation applications. Practically speaking, the use of Grey Water systems is not viable for most homeowners in Colorado. Currently, the treatment, disposal, and potential use of Grey Water is regulated by the State of Colorado *Guidelines On Individual Sewage Disposal Systems* (<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/regulations/wqccregs/100306individualewagedisposalsystems.pdf>) and applicable county Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) regulations. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) does not currently separate Grey Water from blackwater in its regulations. Consequently, surface applications require permitting and monitoring. Application of Grey Water from systems discharging 2,000 gallons or more per day requires site location and design approval (<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/regulations/wqccregs/100222wqccdomesticwttworks.pdf>) prior to construction of the Grey Water System and a discharge permit from the CDPHE; smaller systems require permits from the local health department.

Please contact the Department's OWS Program Coordinator at 303.692.2366 for general questions and your local health department for information regarding local requirements for Grey Water reuse.