



Howdy, I'm Wilbur
the Water Warrior.
EVERY DROP COUNTS!

rethink YOUR WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Always remember the 3 p's rule. The only things that can go into our sewer system are pee, poo and toilet paper.



GENERAL WASTE

Tissues, hand towels, wrappers, sanitary items, condoms, cotton buds, cigarette butts, dust cloths and fibre reinforced cleaning products.

SUGGESTION

Discard in the red general waste bin or bring to the waste facility.

FAT or OIL

Fat from cooking or any other type of fat, oil, or grease.

SUGGESTION

Keep a "fat jar" under the sink to collect the fat and discard in the red general waste bin or take to waste facility.

DETERGENTS

Detergents high in phosphate.

SUGGESTION

Use the minimum amount of detergent and/or bleach when you are washing clothes or dishes. Choose a detergent low in phosphates.

ON-SITE SEWER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

If you live in a house that is not connected to the main sewer, then chances are you have an on-site sewage management (OSSM) system. If this is the case then you have a special responsibility to ensure that your OSSM system is working well. Poorly maintained OSSM systems have the potential to significantly affect you and your family's health, as well as the local environment.

In addition to the above tips, you will also need to be careful that the cleaning products you use don't harm bacteria in your OSSM system. Avoid harsh chemicals such as bleach. The label on the packaging should give an

indication if it is septic friendly.

Try and avoid "flooding" your OSSM system by having shorter showers, washing your clothes throughout the week and not all on one day, and avoiding putting your dishwasher on during your peak water load times.

You also need to have an Approval to Operate for your OSSM system. Council may also inspect your OSSM system periodically.

Visit our website for more information on how to keep your OSSM system operating satisfactorily or contact Council's Environmental Health Officers.

Please contact Muswellbrook Shire Council for further information

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