

From: Barbara Yuill
To: Montis, Ursula
Date: 4/28/03 7:50AM
Subject: Re: Recycling Grey Water

During last year's drought, I bought a rain barrel from Lawrence Agway. It is equipped with a mesh covered lid which keeps mesquites larva from inhabiting the barrel.

I was able to save the water from the rinse cycle of the washing machine. Also, by closing the drain in the bathtub, we were also able to save the water from our showers. The grey water was carried by buckets and deposited in the rain barrel. It saved my shrubs and small trees and some perennials. But it was labor intensive. However, I estimate replacement of the mature shrubs, flowers and the black walnut tree would have been over \$2,000.

This year we're checking local code to see if we can pump the washing machine rinse water directly into the rain barrel.

My husband has also suggested that retention basins on industrial park properties would allow use of rain water to lawns/shrubs.

Hope this helps someone out there. Barbara

>>> Ursula Montis 04/25/03 04:14PM >>>
Yes, Barbara, it would. Thanks!

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>>> Barbara Yuill 04/23/03 07:30AM >>>
Thank you. I have suggestions on recycling grey water from residential properties. Would that be applicable to this public hearing? Barbara

>>> Ursula Montis 04/22/03 12:20PM >>>
Hi Barbara, Please send any comments to me, Ursula Montis, Div. of Watershed Mgmt., PO Box 418. I am Secretary for CWC so comments will come to me. Thanks.

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>>> Barbara Yuill 04/21/03 10:10AM >>>
Larry, I'd like to send in a written comment, but don't know to whom it should be addressed.

I'm hoping that residential recycling of grey water might also be considered. Please let me know. Thanks
Barbara

>>> DEP Postmaster 04/09/03 12:41PM >>>
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DEP Invites Public to Hearing on Wastewater Recycling
We need to be better stewards of our water supplies, Commissioner Campbell says

(03/51) TRENTON -The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) invites anyone

interested in the issue of recycling wastewater to attend a presentation and offer testimony at a public hearing next week in Middlesex County.

The hearing begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, with a panel presentation on case studies of wastewater being reclaimed for beneficial reuse. Scheduled speakers include Edward Clerico of American Water, Keavin Nelson of U.S. Filter Operating Services and Rocco Maiellano of Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority.

Public testimony begins at 4 p.m. Written comments will be accepted until May 2.

The importance of reclaiming wastewater for beneficial reuse in New Jersey came to light during the drought of 1999 and again during the drought of 2002, when the state experienced firsthand the importance of protecting and conserving our potable water supplies.

"The recurring droughts in New Jersey are a clarion call to better stewardship of our waters, both to protect the environment and to ensure economic growth," DEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell said. "Recycling presents an opportunity to extend our existing resources to support future growth in our communities."

Water treated at sewage plants has traditionally been discarded into streams, rivers and the ocean. The hearing will address a growing public interest in providing a higher level of wastewater treatment so it can be reused for purposes ranging from irrigating golf courses to cooling and washing industrial equipment.

Each year the Clean Water Council and the Water Supply Advisory Council hold a public hearing to solicit views on an important issue pertaining to state water quality. This year, Campbell requested the hearing focus on wastewater recycling.

The hearing will take place at the Holiday Inn - Monroe, 390 Forsgate Drive in Jamesburg, off New Jersey Turnpike exit 8A. To register to speak, please call (732) 932-9271 weekdays.

Under state law, the Clean Water Council is responsible for making recommendations to the DEP commissioner on matters pertaining to water-pollution control. The Water Supply Advisory Council advises the commissioner on water supply issues.

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