

**City of Atascadero
Community Development Department**

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GREY WATER: CLOTHES WASHER SYSTEM

SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY C, D or E - CLIMATE ZONE 4 - WIND ZONES 85 M.P.H - EXPOSURE ZONE "B" OR "C"
ZONING ORDINANCE - NATIVE TREE ORDINANCE - ATASCADERO MUNICIPAL CODE - 2019 CBC - 2019 CRC - 2019 CEC
CPC - 2019 CMC - 2019 CGBC - ENGINEERING STANDARDS - CALIFORNIA STATE ENERGY COMPLIANCE (TITLE 24)

2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE

§1503.11: Clothes Washer Systems

A Clothes Washer System in compliance with all of the following is permit exempt:

1. The design shall allow the user to direct the flow to the irrigation or disposal field or the building sewer. The direction control of the gray water shall be clearly labeled and readily accessible to the user.
2. The installation, change, alteration, or repair of the system does not include a potable water connection or a pump and does not affect other building, plumbing, electrical, or mechanical components including structural features, egress, fire-life safety, sanitation, potable water supply piping, or accessibility.
NOTE: The pump in a clothes washer shall not be considered part of the gray water system.
3. The gray water shall be contained on the site where it is generated.
4. Gray water shall be directed to and contained within an irrigation or disposal field.
5. Ponding or runoff is prohibited and shall be considered a nuisance.
6. Gray water may be released above the ground surface provided at least two inches of mulch, rock, or soil, or a solid shield covers the release point. Other methods which provide equivalent separation are also acceptable.
7. Gray water systems shall be designed to minimize contact with humans and domestic pets.
8. Water used to wash diapers or similarly soiled or infectious garments shall not be used and shall be diverted to the building sewer.
9. Gray water shall not contain hazardous chemicals derived from activities such as cleaning car parts, washing greasy or oily rags, or disposing of waster solutions from home photo labs or similar hobbyist or home occupational activities.
10. Exemption from construction permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any gray water system to be installed in a manner that violates other provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of the enforcing agency.
11. An operation and maintenance manual shall be provided to the owner. Directions shall indicate that the manual is to remain with the building throughout the life of the system and upon change of ownership or occupancy.
12. Gray water discharge from a clothes washer system through a standpipe shall be properly trapped in accordance with §1005.0.

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FIGURE 7.6: LAUNDRY TO LANDSCAPE SYSTEM

