

(all about)
Greywater
(and especially)
“Laundry to Landscape”

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making sure
we have
enough water
for all
by teaching
sustainable
water practices!



find helpful landscape information at:

www.bayareagardening.org

welcome!

- ~why greywater?
- ~survey of types of systems activity
- ~focus on Laundry to Landscape: system details/ how to break
- ~This Old House video
- ~plumbing terminology
- ~parts match
- ~system mock up
- ~review

California's uncertain water future:

- * population pressures
- * climate change risks
 - ~unpredictable precipitation
 - ~decreasing snow pack
- * natural disaster risks
 - ~earthquake/ vulnerable delta
 - ~sea level rise
- * predicted 99 year drought in the west



scarcity or not:



our municipal water has a **carbon footprint!**

19% of all energy used in CA is related to water

re-using water already used (& paid for) reduces the embodied energy per use



our energy use
contributes to
climate change

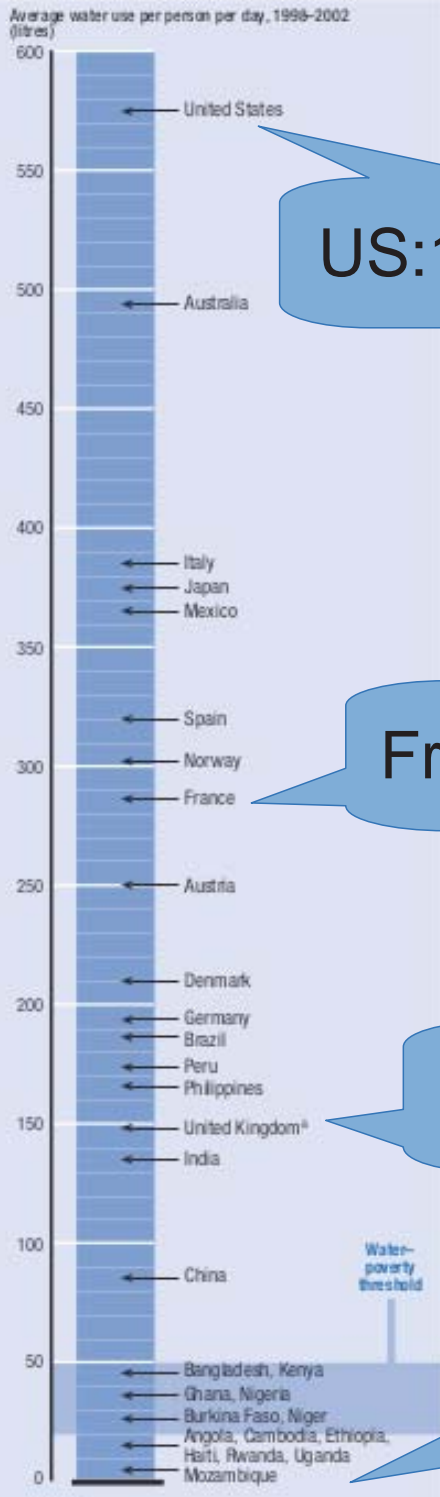
impacting water availability
around the world

rural women & children
already spend
200 million hours per day
fetching water

according to UN Women estimate



Figure 1.2 Worlds apart: the global water gap

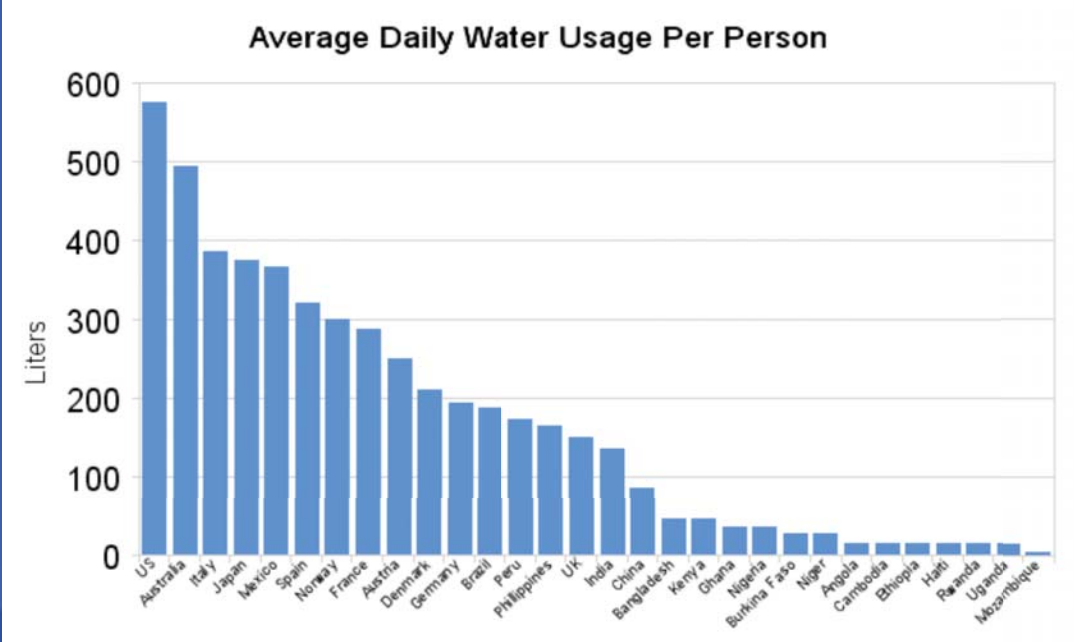


US: 150 gal/person

France: 76 gal/person

UK: 40 gal/person

Mozambique
1 gal/person



the global water gap

remember to start with conservation before reusing greywater

hidden costs of water

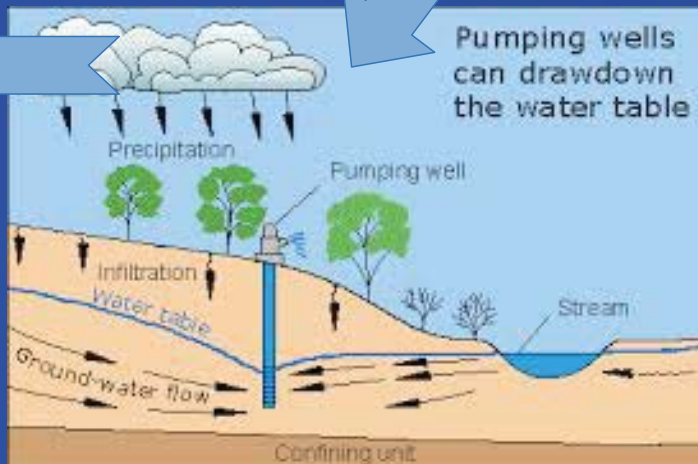
dams, damaged rivers



climate change

dry rivers

overdrawn aquifers, subsidence, dry wells



GRADE B+ to B-



Graywater - A Potential Source of Water

by Yoram Cohen, Ph.D.
Professor, UCLA Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
and the Water Technology Research Center

“water recycling, particularly of graywater, is now being advanced as a potential water source that could **alleviate** some of the **water shortage pressure...**”

greywater is~

wastewater from

- * washing machines
- * sinks
- * bathtubs and showers

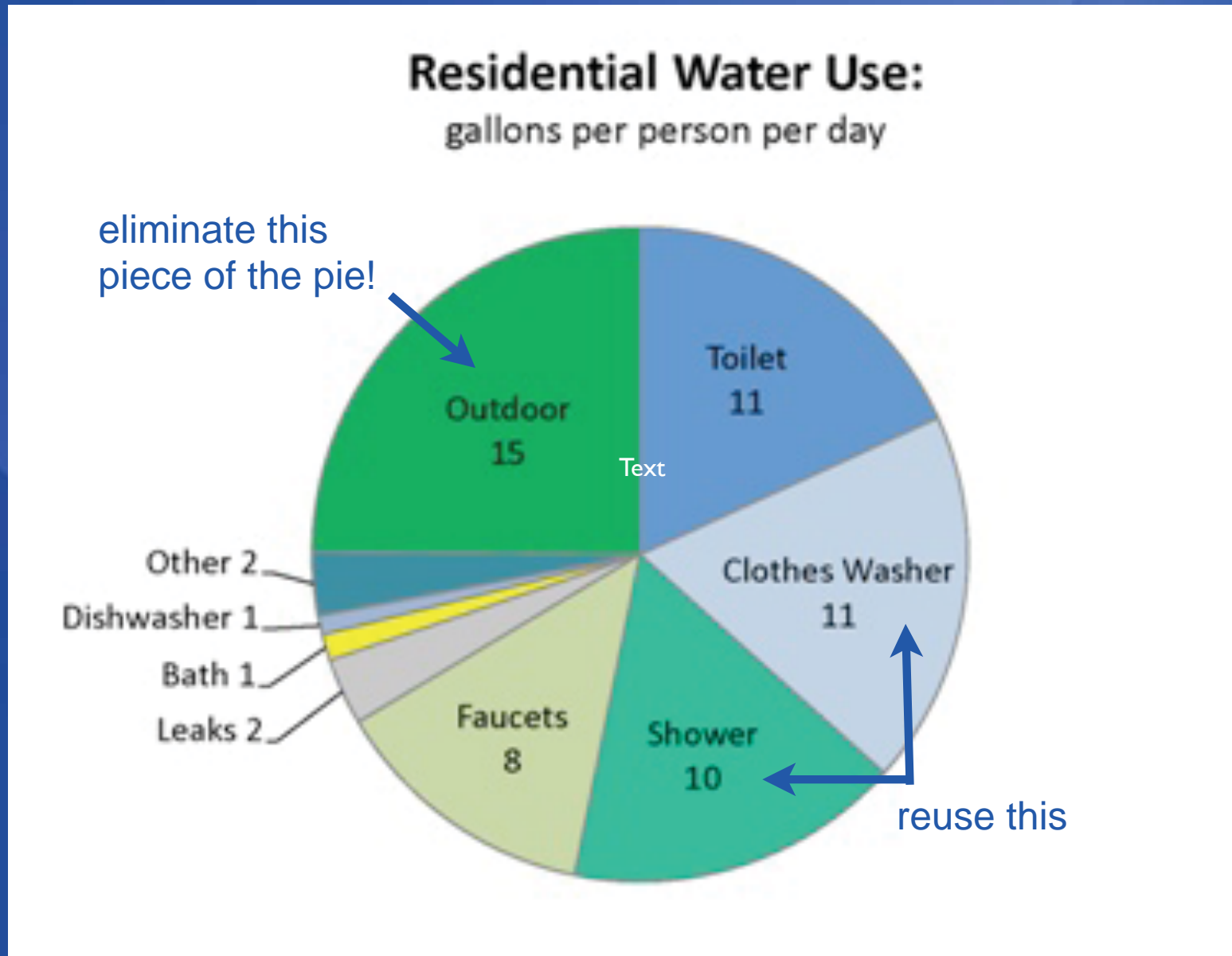
blackwater is~

wastewater from

- * toilets
- * laundry water with fecal matter/toxins

kitchen sinks & dishwashers= “dark greywater”

in santa cruz:



greywater can decrease potable water use by 16-40% depending on the site

is it **legal** to re-use greywater?

greywater codes vary state to state

2010: California's Plumbing Code was updated & made more effective

greywater may now be dispersed in
mulch basins

laundry to landscape systems **do not**
require a permit if 12 guidelines are followed

food may be grown so long as soil doesn't touch
edible portion of plant

groundrules for greywater re-use

- * **avoid contact** with people or domestic animals
- * **no** above ground **spraying or sprinkling**
- * **no surfacing**, ponding or runoff
- * **no storing** for more than 24 hours
- * irrigation or disposal field may be a **mulch basin**
- * discharge point **covered with 2"** of mulch, gravel, soil or a solid shield

groundrules....

- * **valve to allow diversion** back to sewer or septic
 - if washing soiled diapers or toxic chemicals
 - if water table elevated
 - if soil saturated with rain
- * valve **clearly labeled**
- * operating/maintenance **manual** that stays with house
- * **no toxins** down the drain--careful choice of products
- * greywatered **soil cannot touch edible part** of plant

some benefits of using greywater:

- offsets potable water use
- **conserves energy** (used to transport, clean and treat water)
- encourages healthy product choices
 - Helpful website: www.cosmeticdatabase.org
- facilitates home-grown food production
- connects people to their yards
- **reduces demand on** septic systems and **wastewater treatment plants**

the EPA says

860 billion gallons of untreated sewage
overflow into US water ways each year.

so even if you have one...
treatment plants don't
always do their job



diy informal greywater use lowest tech: the humble bucket



- collect cold water until shower heats up-- pour into toilet bowl to flush
-
- use a dishpan in sink to collect wash water--
- carry outside to water the garden

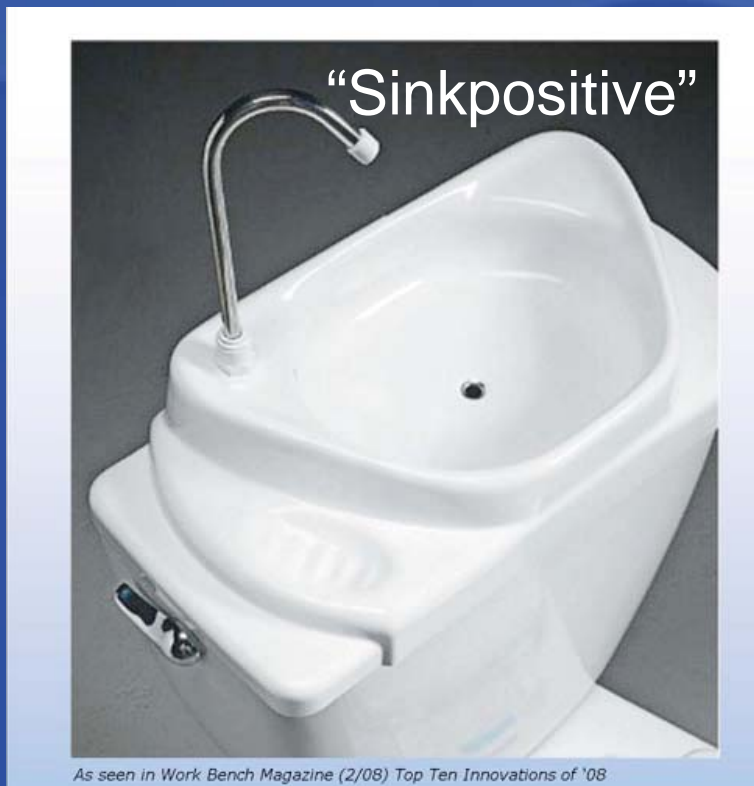
bathroom sinks:
~disconnect the trap
~use greywater
to flush the toilet



tank lid sinks:

tank refill water becomes
greywater as hands are rinsed

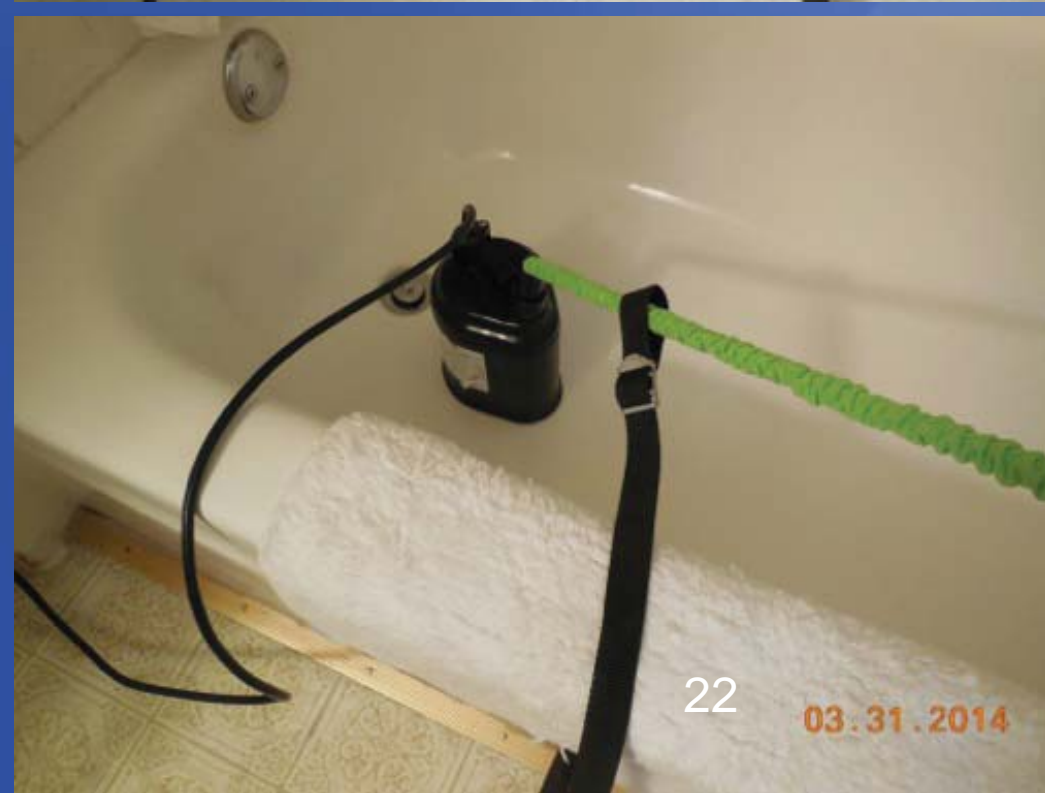
greywater is then “reused”
to flush the toilet



homeowner
creativity:



utility pump pushes tubwater to garden



renter's laundry drum system (not to code)

Laundry hose put out window



30-50 gallon food grade drum
"surge tank"...
does not store greywater



Greywater gravity
flows out garden hose
(no shut off)



ways to use greywater

- * **outdoors: low tech** / landscape direct
no pumps, filters, or connection to other irrigation systems or potable water
- * **outdoors: high tech** / drip irrigation
tanks, filters, pumps, automatic backflushing
- * **indoors:** toilet flushing/ clotheswashing
tanks, filters, disinfection, pumps

landscape direct systems

no added pump

no tanks, no filters

distribute greywater directly into:

“Mulch Basin.

A type of irrigation or disposal field filled with mulch...

of sufficient depth, length and width to prevent ponding or runoff...”

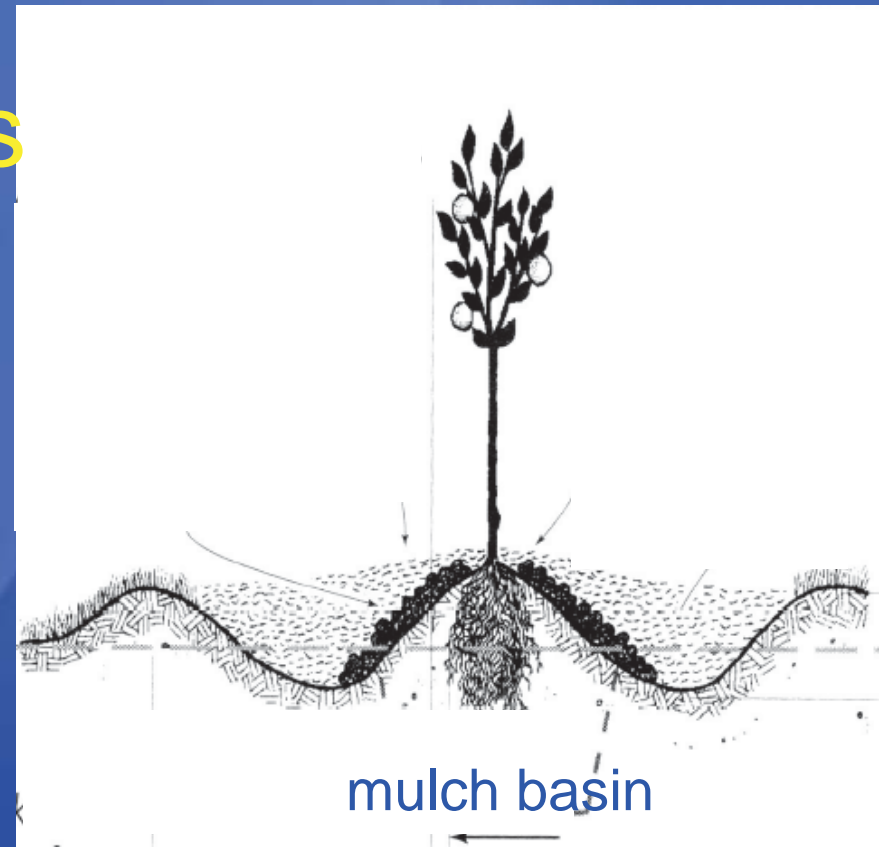


image from “Create and Oasis with Greywater” by Art Ludwig

filled with:

“Mulch.

Organic waste material including but not limited to leaves, prunings, straw, pulled weeds and wood chips. ...

permeable enough to allow rapid infiltration of graywater.”



freshly dug **mulch basin**

adding mulch:
the coarser the better

landscape direct is best for
trees
shrubs
large plants

not appropriate for:
lawns
groundcovers
beds with many small plants



greywater is delivered to the mulch basin in a “mulch shield”

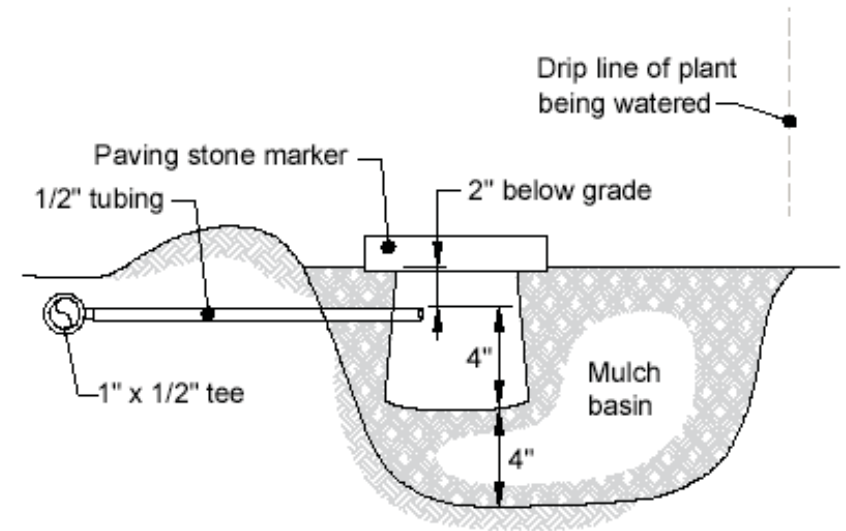


Figure 4. Mulch shield placement.

greywater exits pipe 2" below solid shield / lid

water freefalls thru air onto mulch then spreads in basin

no root entry
no clogging

“mulch shield”

re-using washing machine greywater:

laundry to landscape system

low tech / landscape direct
uses **the pump in the washer** to
push greywater to the garden

if 12 guidelines are followed
no permit is required since
plumbing is not altered

laundry to landscape system

“L2L”

no alteration to plumbing

Legend

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 3-way valve | 10 1-inch x ½-inch barbed tee or 1-inch x ½-inch Blu-Lock tee |
| 2 PVC 1-inch male adapter | 11 "Greenback" ½-inch ball valve |
| 3 1-inch barbed male adapter | 12 Barbed 1-inch female hose thread adapter (not shown) |
| 4 Hose clamp | 13 1-inch by 1-inch by 1-inch tee |
| 5 PVC 1-inch x 1½-inch bushing | 14 1-inch schedule 40 PVC pipe |
| 6 PVC 1½-inch female adapter (slip by FPT) | 15 ½-inch poly tubing |
| 7 Auto vent (or air admittance valve) | 16 1-inch HDPE tubing |
| 8 1-inch PVC tee | 17 Mulch shield or valve box |
| 9 1-inch barbed x slip adapter | |

Note: A typical front-loading machine can distribute water up to eight locations. A typical top-loading machine can distribute water up to 12 locations.

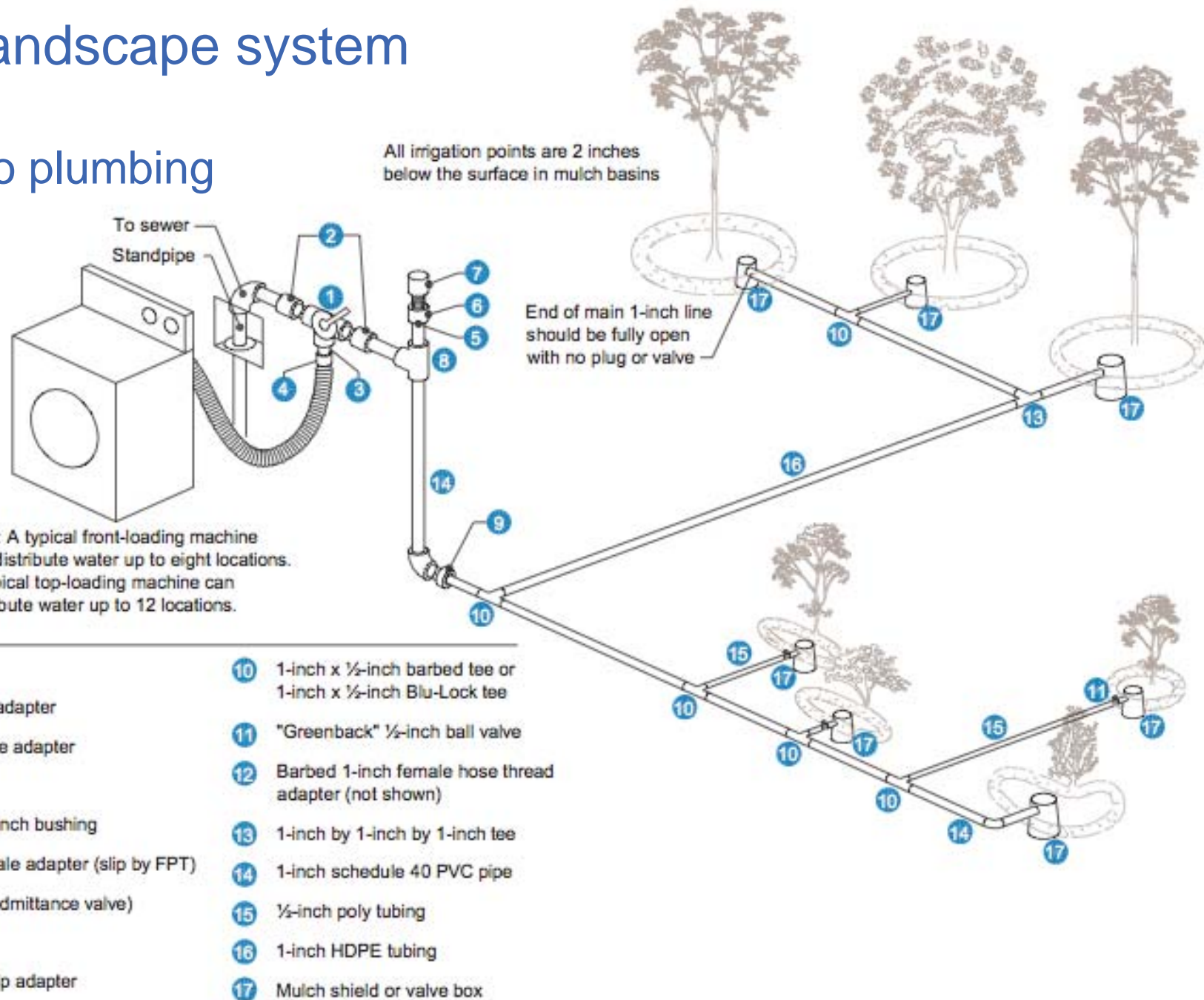
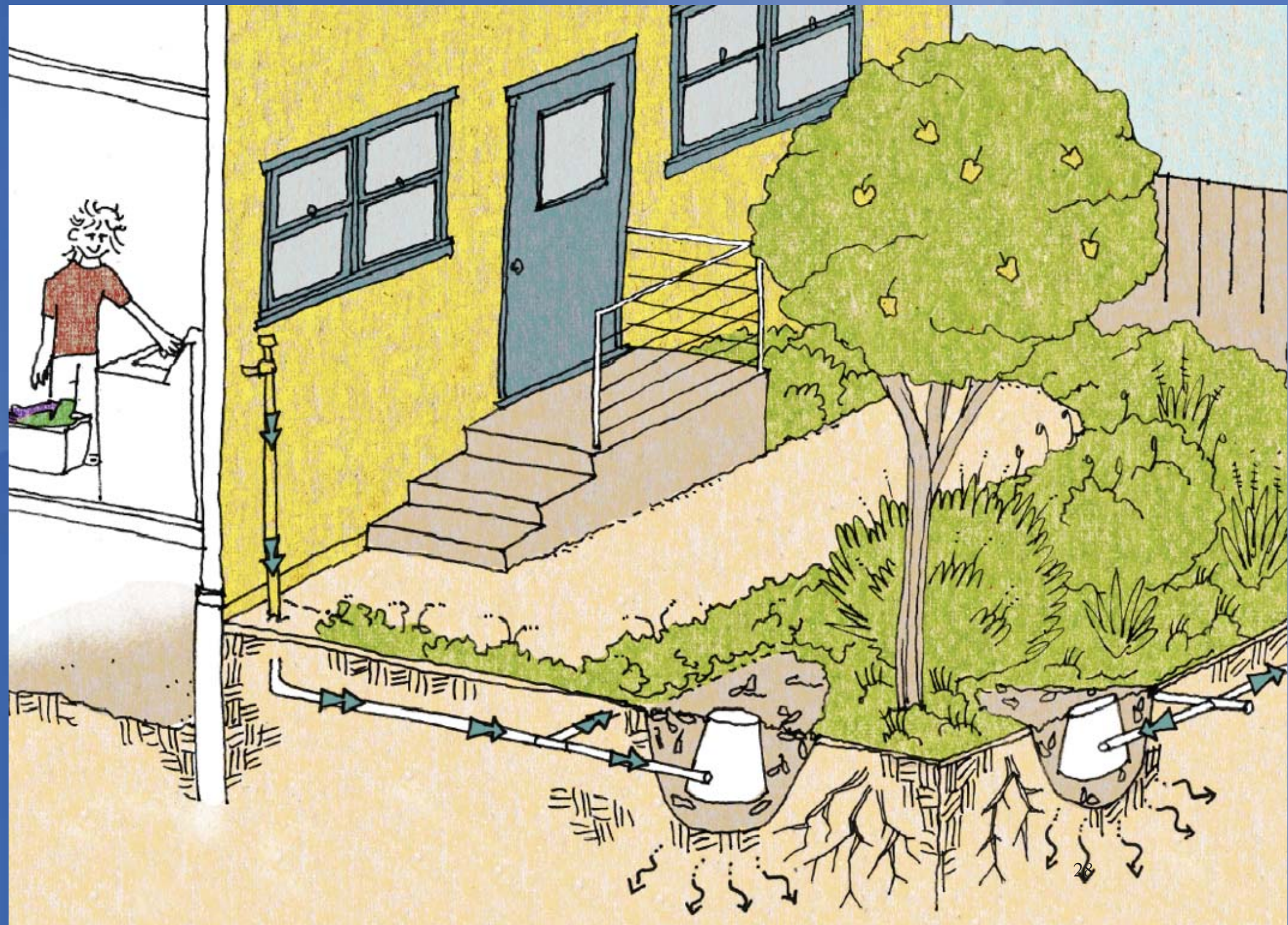


Figure 3. Laundry-to-landscape overview. Source: Clean Water Components.

laundry to landscape system

features:

- * readily accessible **diverter valve**
- * no alteration to plumbing
- * uses **1" PVC** to **1" HDPE** mains: 1/2" branches to mulch basins
- * can have multiple zones/ regulate amount to different areas
- * easy to change as garden evolves
- * end of one 1" main is left open so no back pressure



for tub/shower or sink greywater:

branched drain system

low tech / landscape direct

uses no tanks

no filters

no pumps

gravity carries the greywater to the garden

branched drain system

features:

- * **permit required** as plumbing is altered
- * three way diverter valve is **cut into drain line**
- * **gravity flow** through 2" to 1-1/2" ABS in garden
- * piping installed with 1/4" per foot **continuous slope to garden**
- * must be able to pass over/through perimeter foundation
- * no limit to distance other than depth of trench

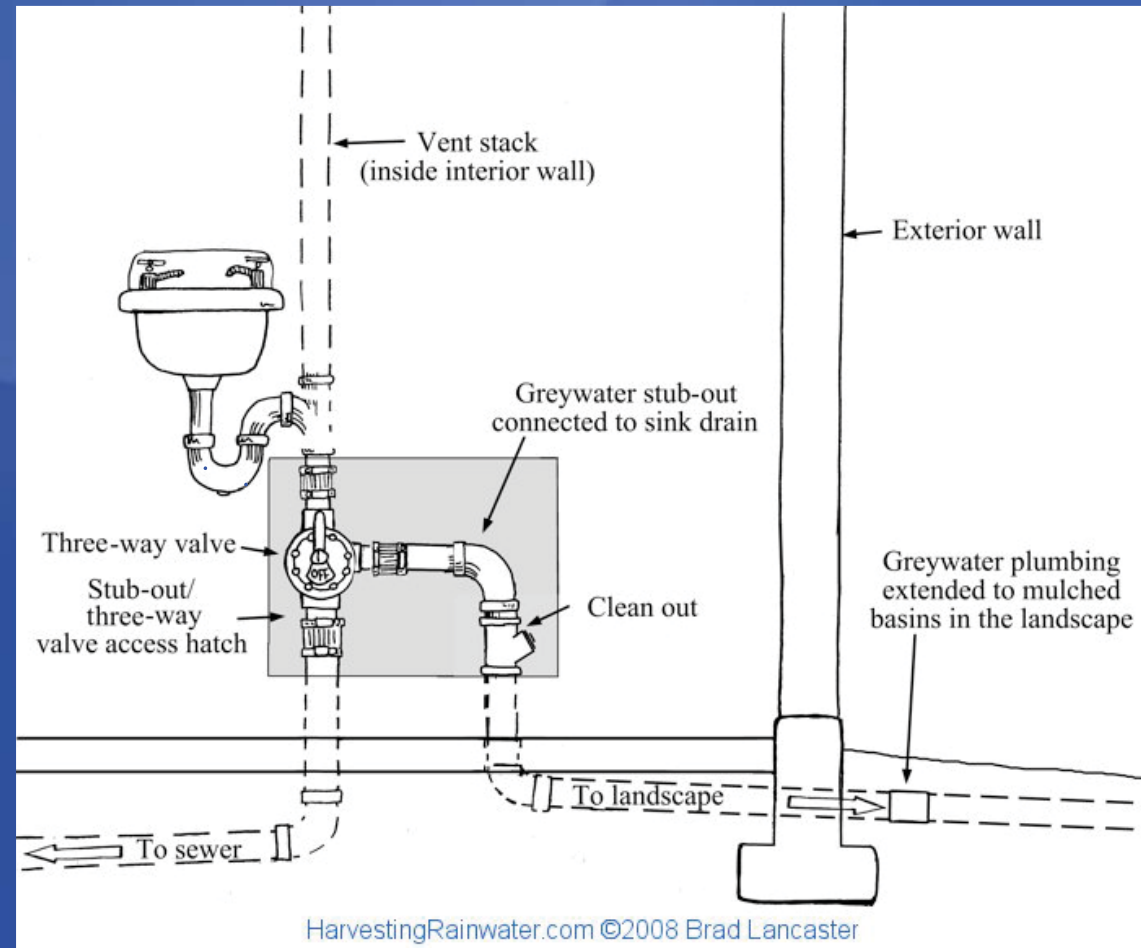
branched drain continued

- * flow is distributed by **double ell “flow splitters”**
- * discharges greywater inside mulch shield to disperse in mulch basin
- * difficult to change once installed

branched drain system

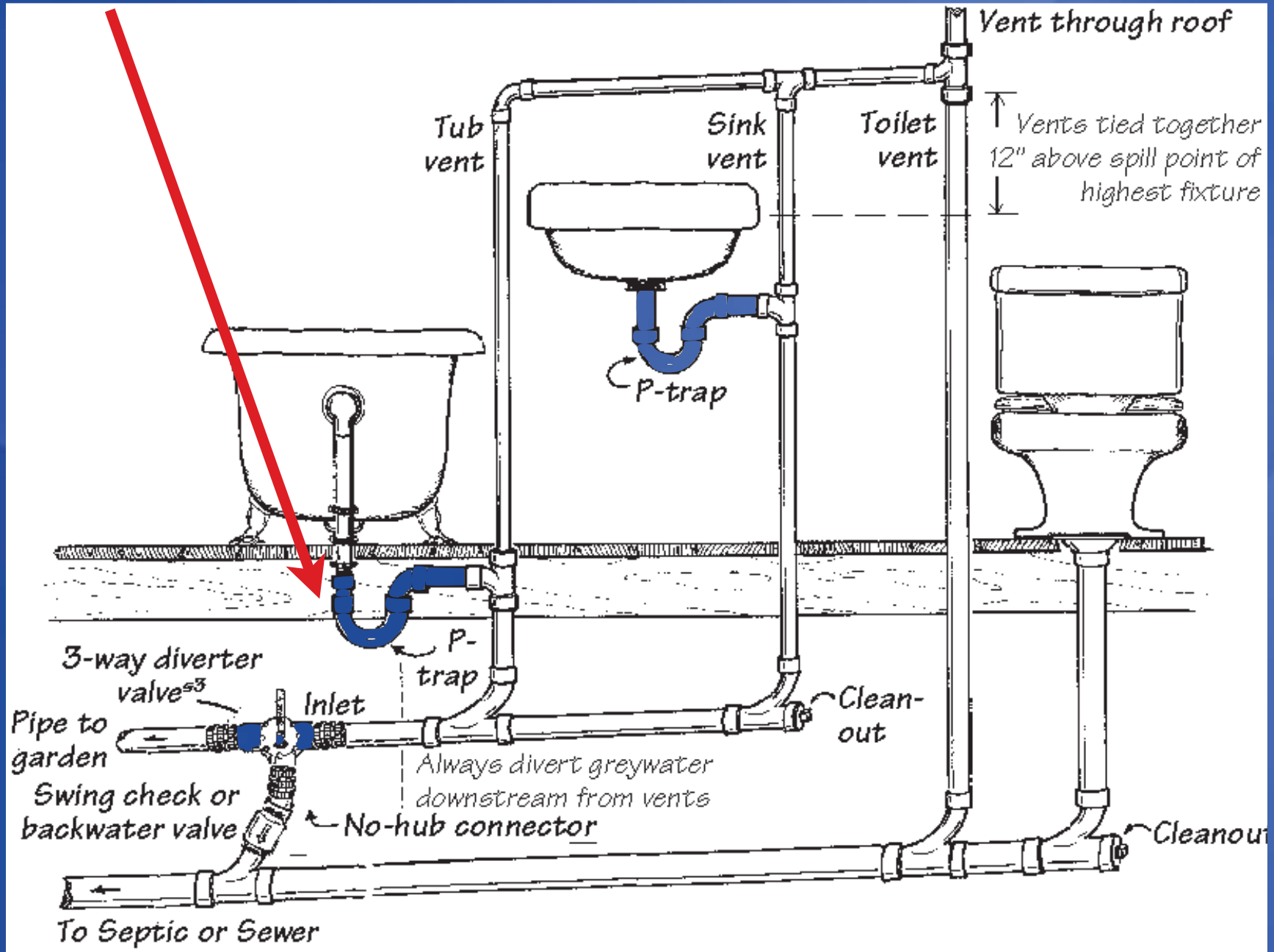


diverter valve required



sinks typically have **traps above the floor**
a three-way diverter valve can be cut into the drain pipe
in the wall for easy access

tub/shower traps are below the floor

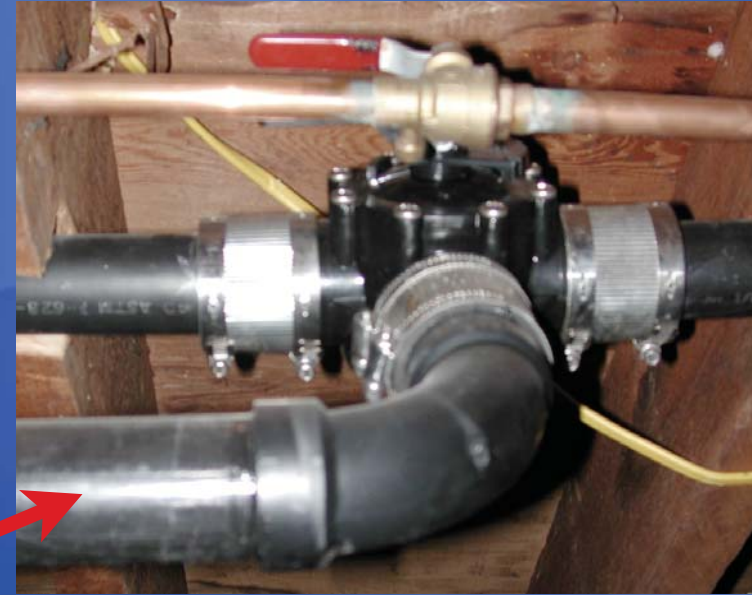
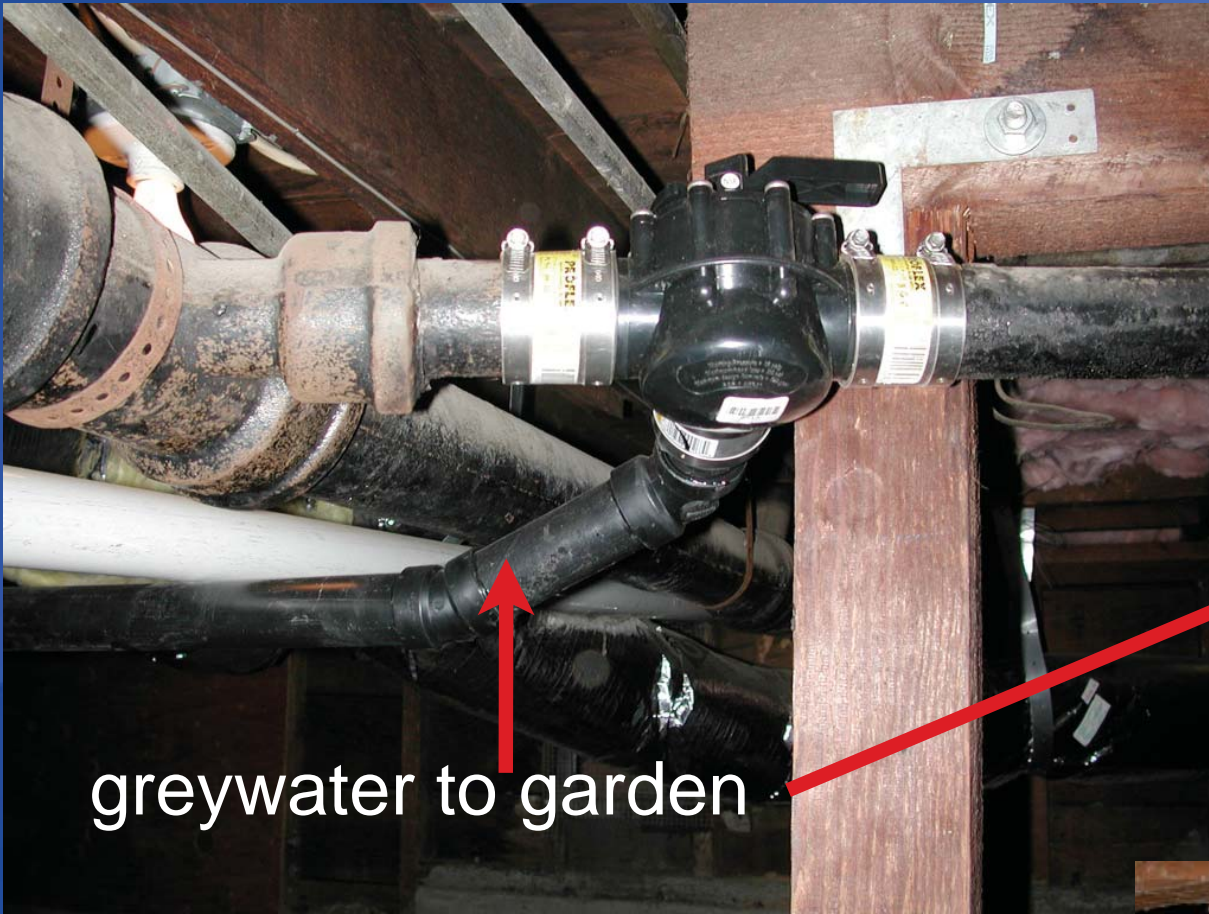


three way valve is installed before the greywater joins the blackwater³⁶

branched drain systems

cast iron shower drain

ABS drain



galvanized shower drain



greywater to garden

drains for tubs and showers are underfloor in crawlspace/basement

drain line is cut to install the three-way diverter valve therefore a permit is required

branched drain systems



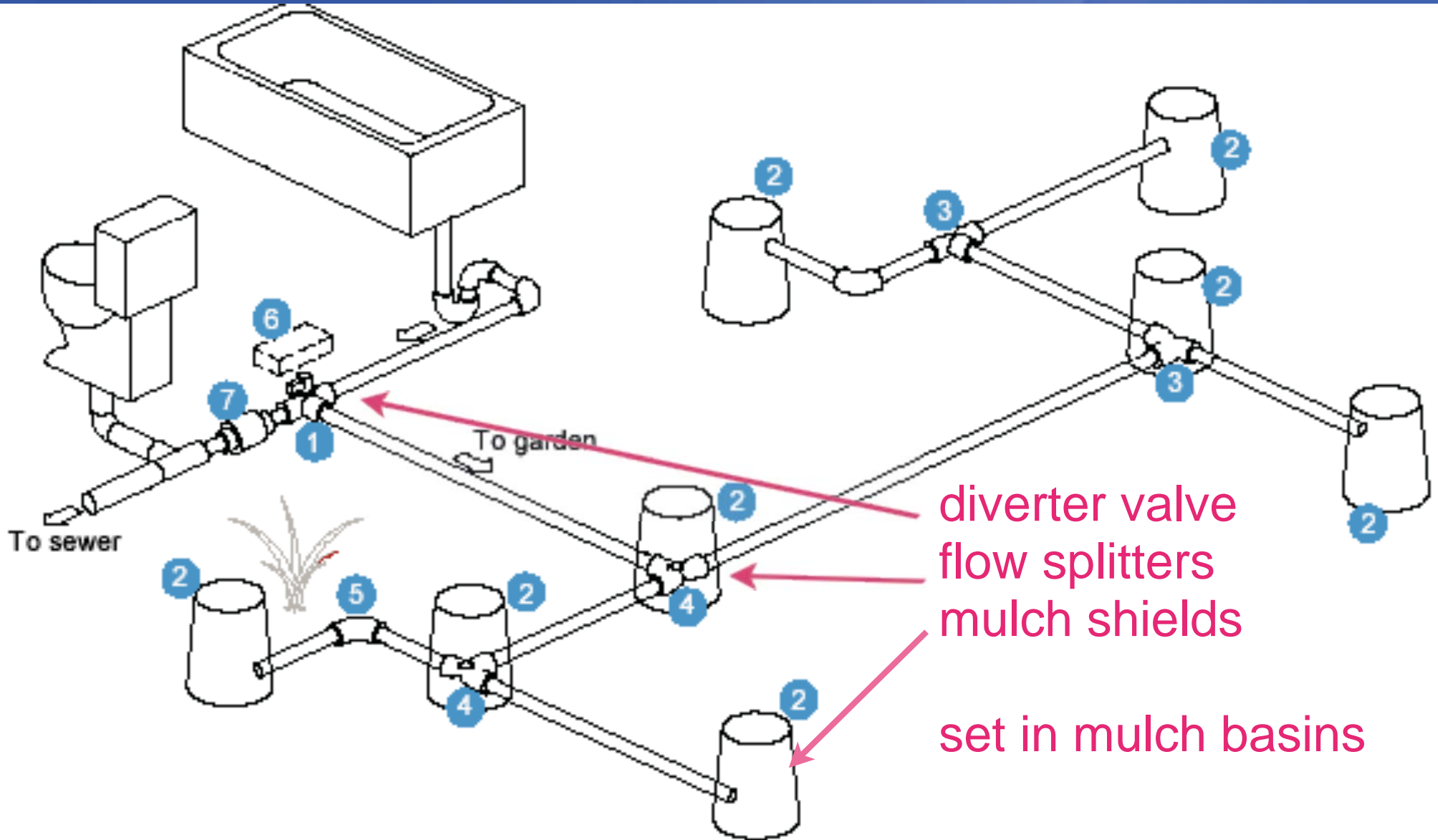
electronic “actuators”
for inaccessible valves:

switch is mounted
in more convenient location



require electricity
must be labeled

branched drain components

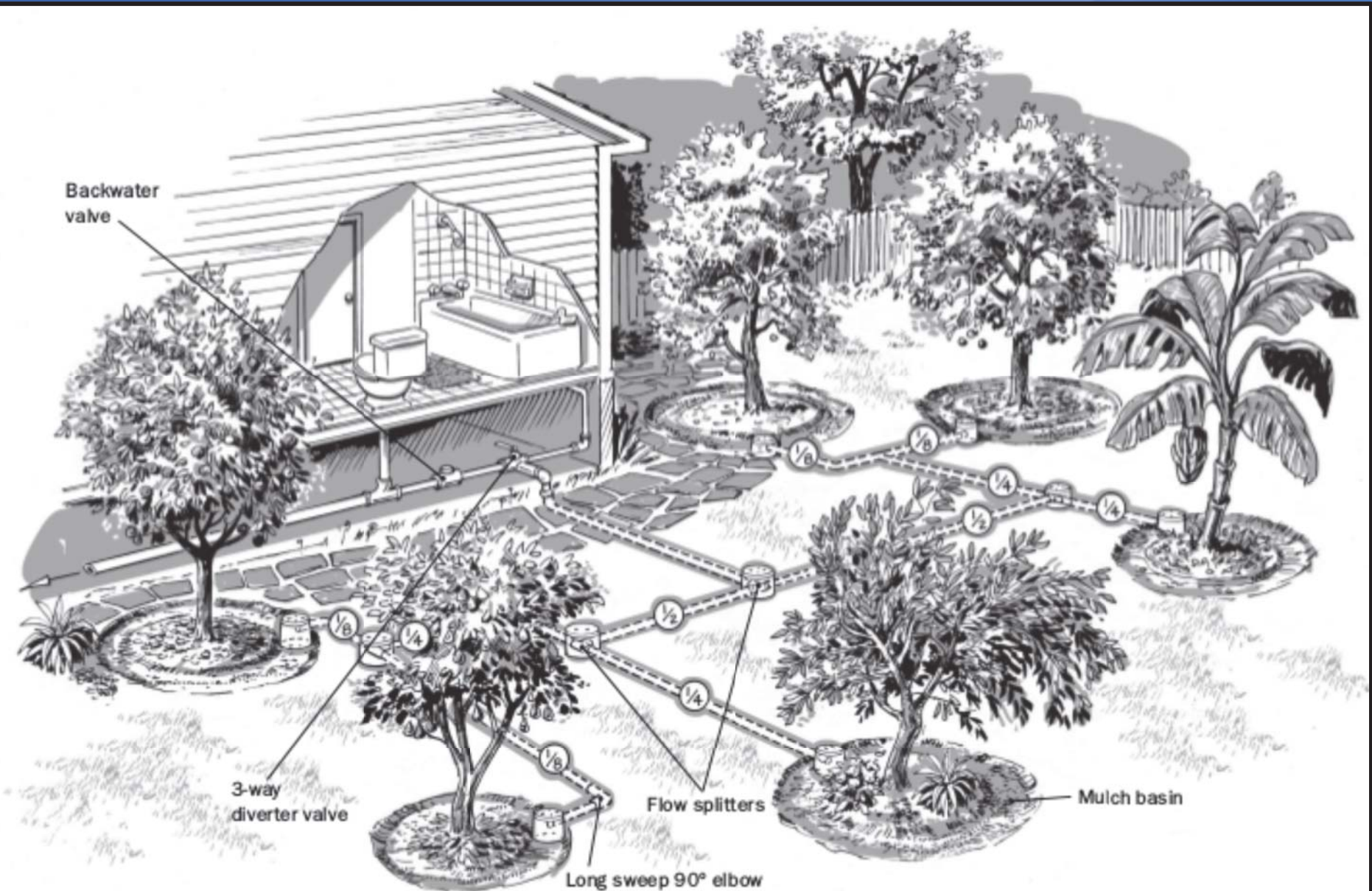


diverter valve
flow splitters
mulch shields

set in mulch basins

Legend

“branched drain system” for tubs/showers/sinks



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▲ Branched drain system. Shower water here irrigates six fruit trees. Fractions show how the flow splitters divide greywater flow into halves, quarters, and eighths.

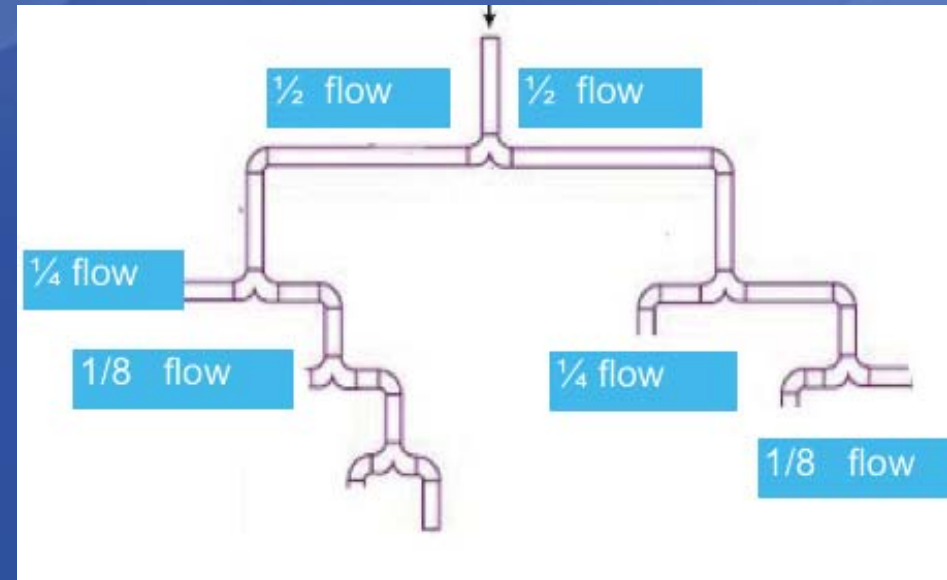
cleanout
plug
drilled
into
fitting



“flow splitters” or
“double ells”

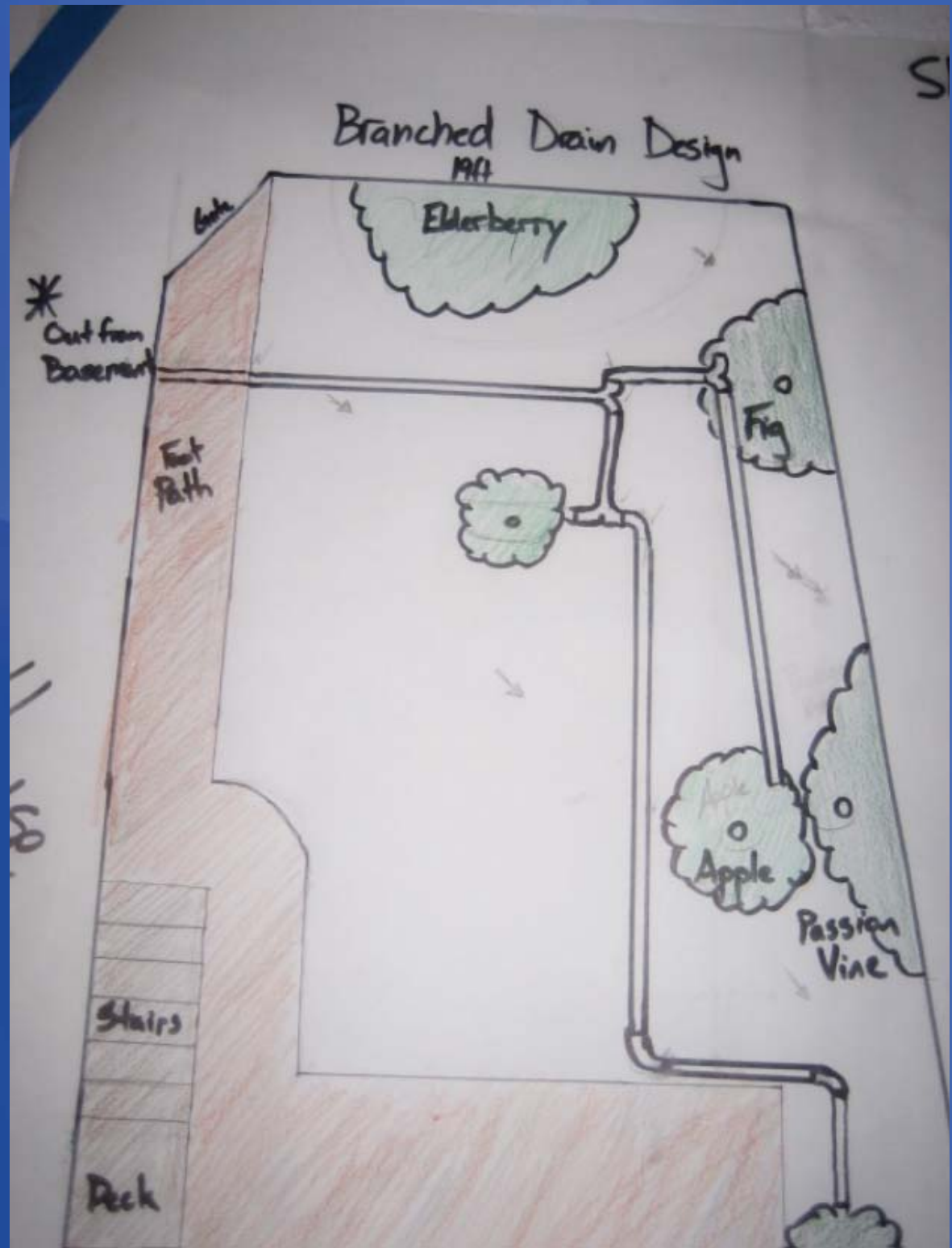
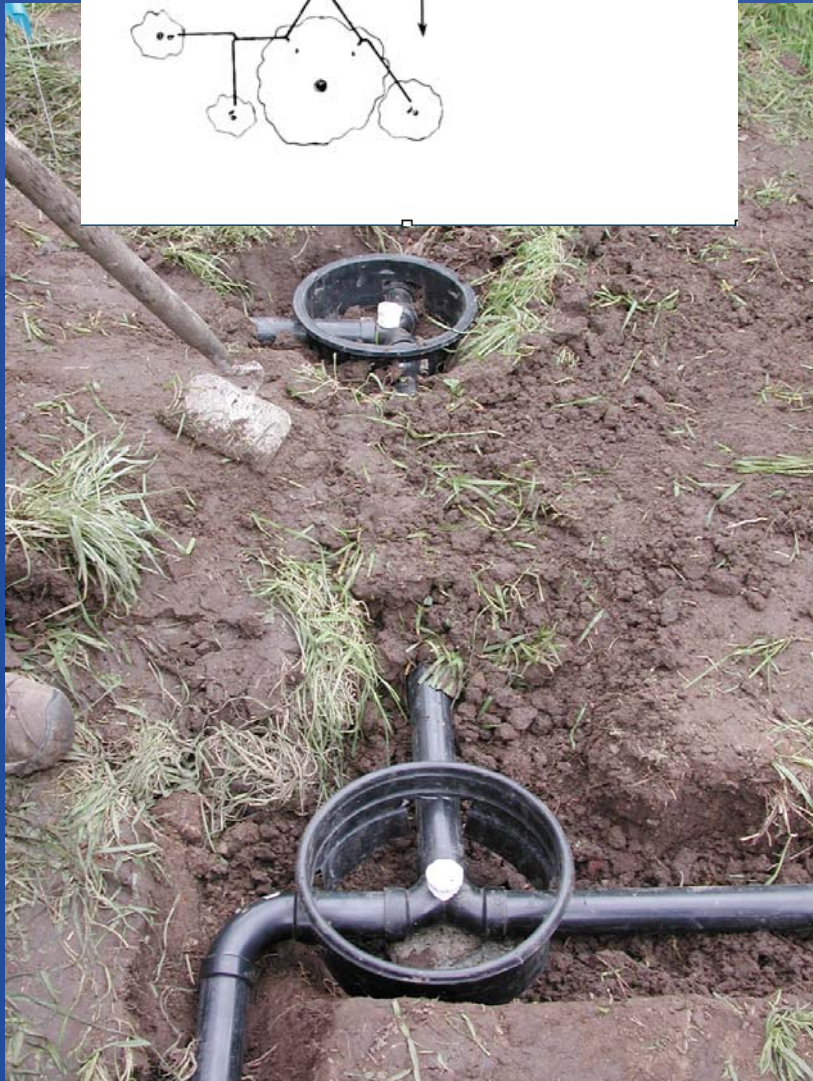
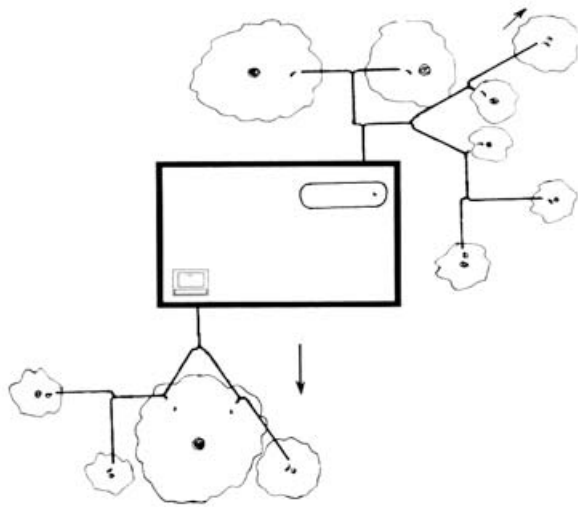
if perfectly level

with 2' run of straight pipe
leading into them



will split the flow evenly

FIGURE 9.1: FLOWS SPLIT VIA BRANCHED DRAIN
(PLAN VIEW)



mulch shield marks location of outlet
prevents root entry



mulch basin with mulch shield protecting outlet
mulch basin is at drip edge of tree

shower greywater branched drain in San Francisco:



Setbacks from buildings
and property lines



Greywater outlet is under a solid shield
and flows into a mulch basin.
Size of basin depends on
soil type and amount of water.

San Francisco project completed



one year later

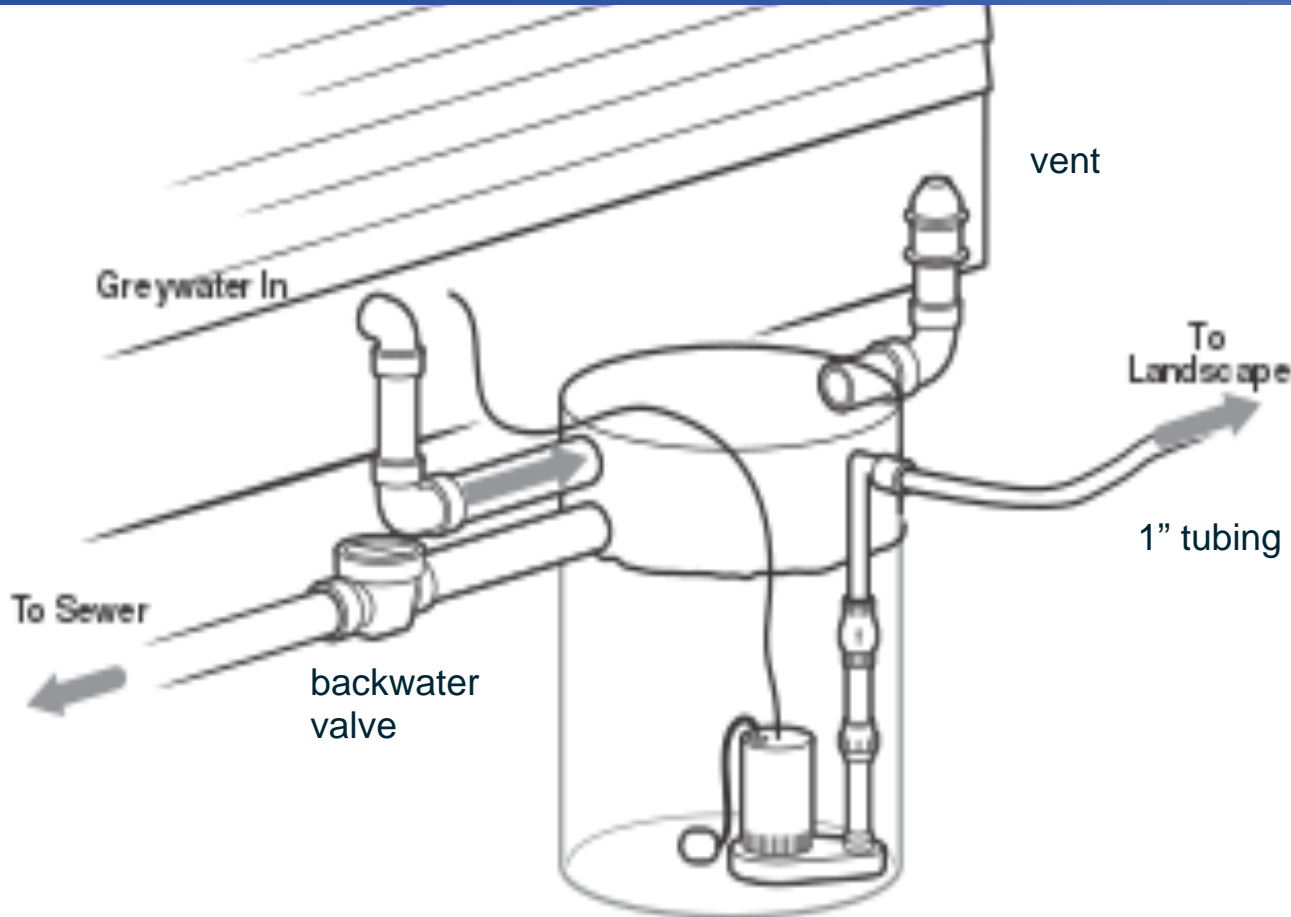


images: Josh Lowe

review: key points for branched drain

- **gravity** based system
- for bathtub, shower, sink
- need access to greywater drain pipes to install valve
- **pipes continuously slope** downwards ($\frac{1}{4}$ " per ft.)
- best for larger plants (trees, shrubs)
- uses **1-1/2"** and **2"** pipe

when area to be irrigated is uphill simple pumped system



- diverter valve directs greywater to **surge tank**
- **float activated pump** pushes unfiltered greywater to the landscape through **1" tubing and ½" outlets**
- greywater is delivered to **mulch basins**
- overflow has **backwater valve** before joining sewer

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for low tech drip irrigation:
aqua2use system

matalla filters: clean 2x year

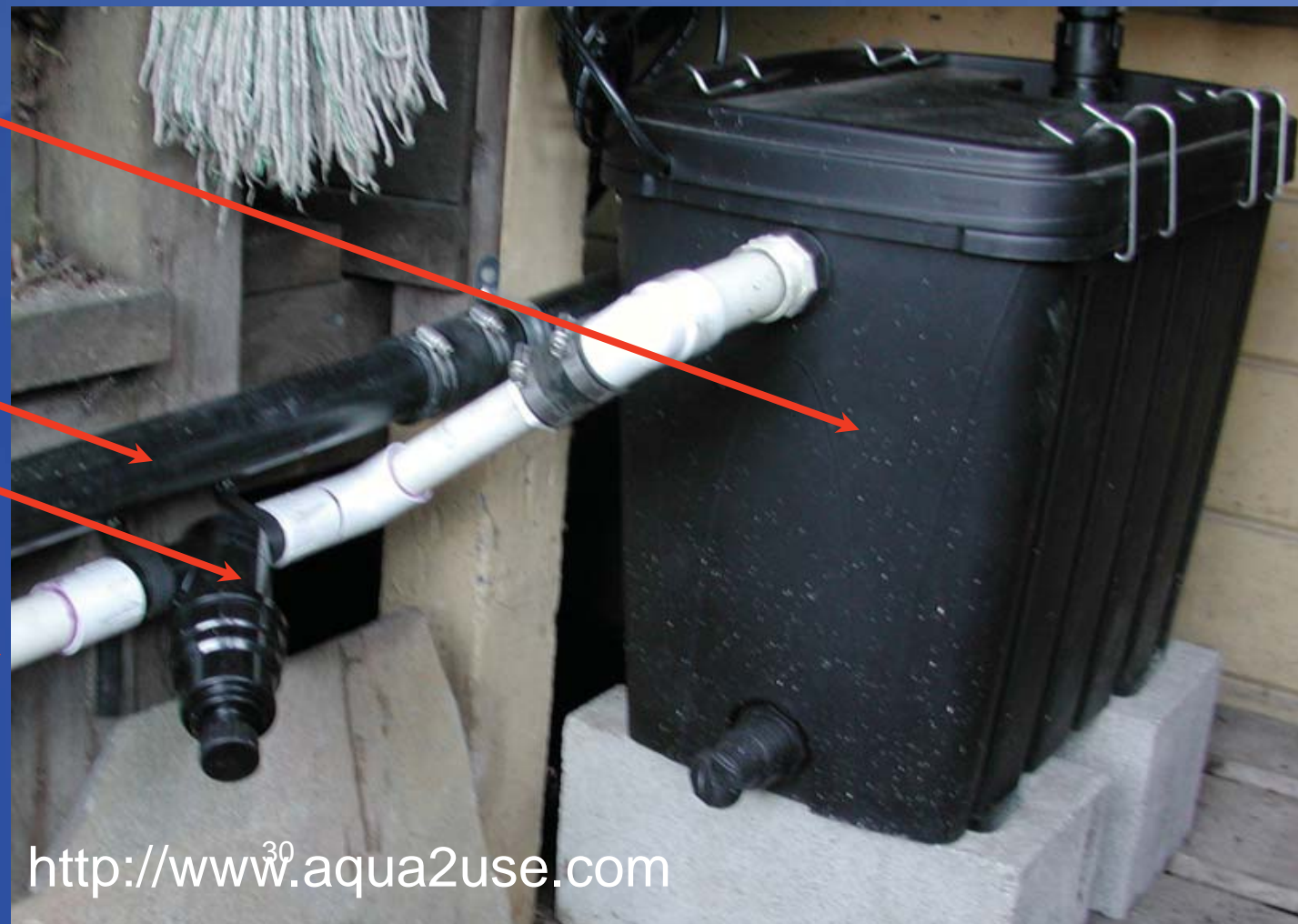


~surge tank with
filters and pump

~overflow

~added strainer

~to IrriGRAY
drip line



Note: Filtered GW requires special drip tubing and is not compatible with most standard drip systems.

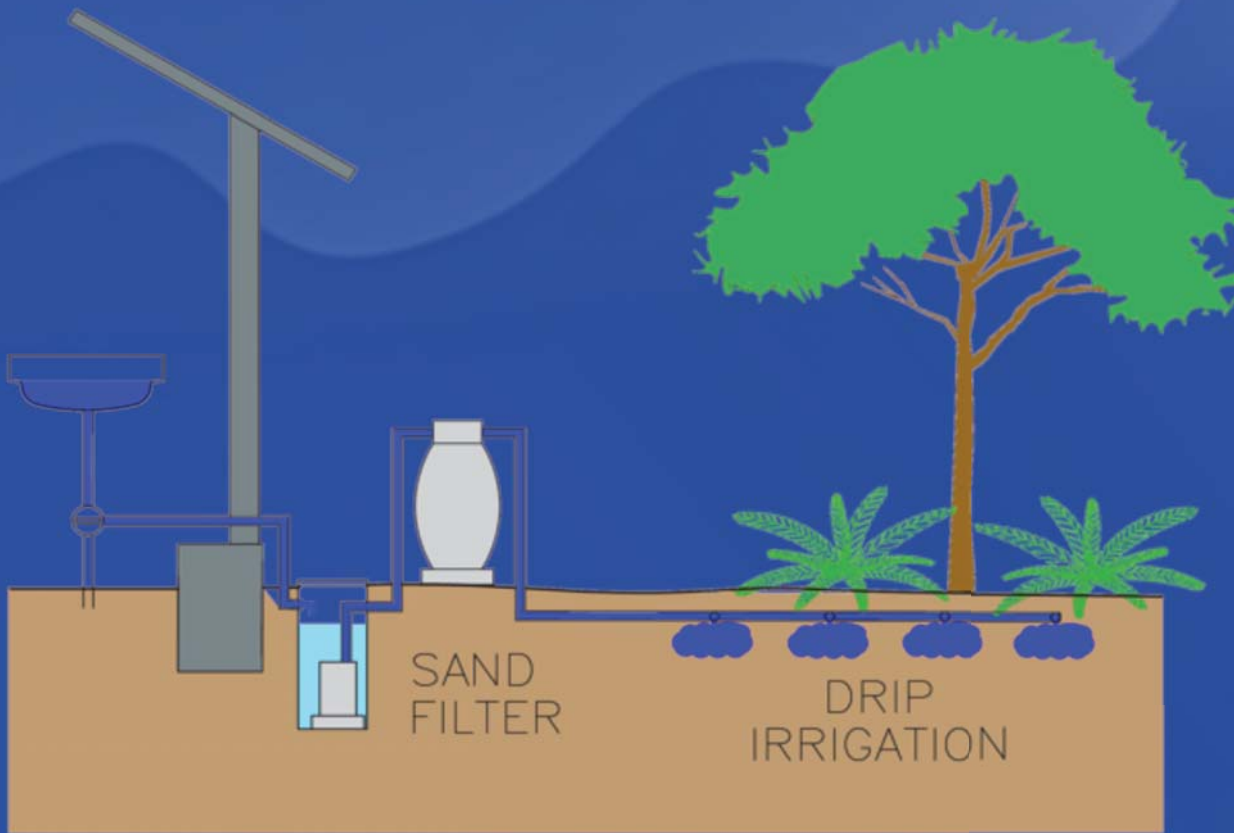
IrriGRAY drip line

- * low filtration (40 mesh or 400 micron)
 - * specifically designed for greywater
 - * each emitter has a built in filter
 - * pressure range 2 - 45 psi
-
- * laid on soil surface
if covered with
2" of mulch

(other brands suitable for gw are also available)



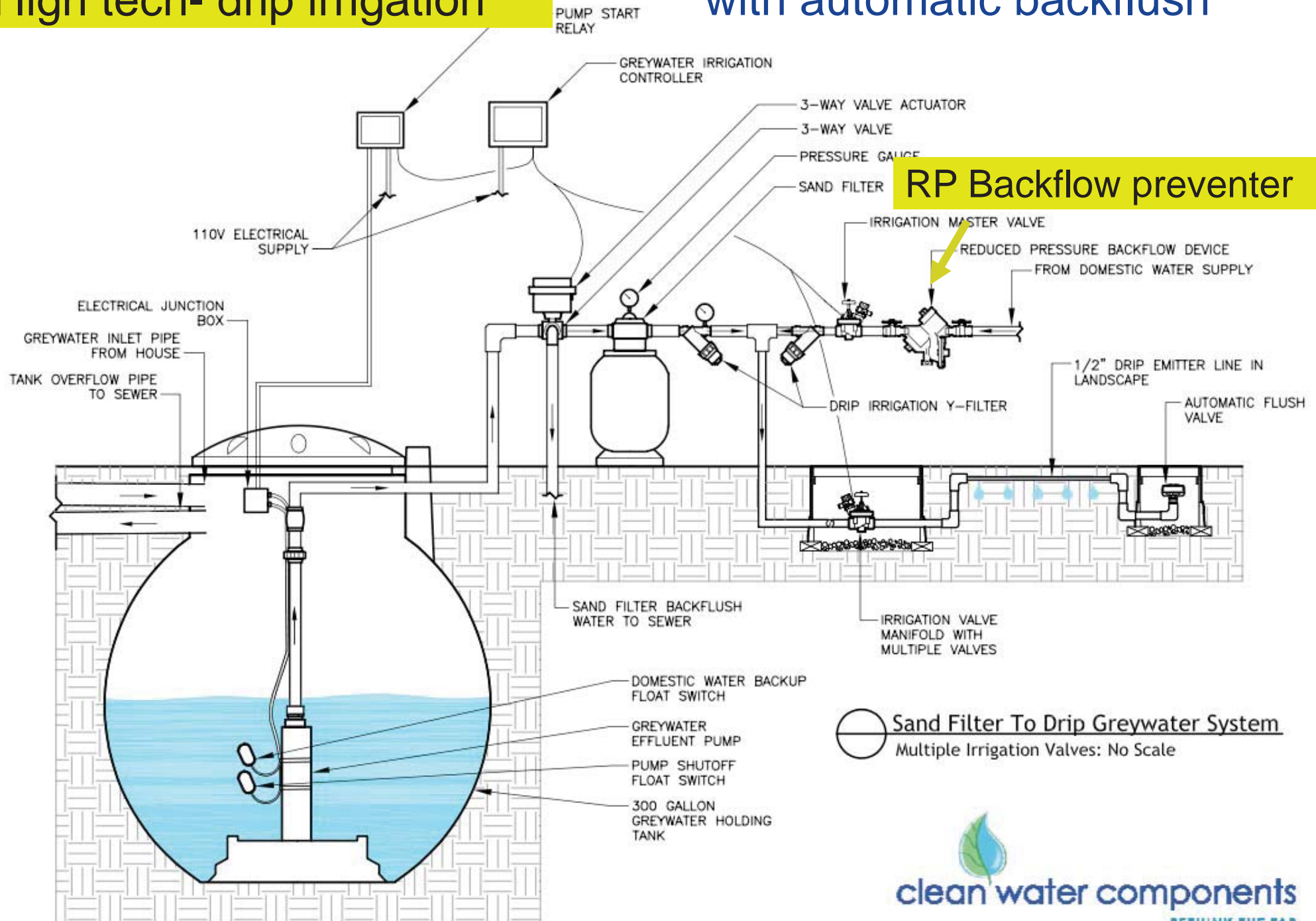
high-tech: drip irrigation with **automatically cleaned filters** and multiple irrigation zones



- A sump basin collects greywater from the house
- A pump pushes water through a filter which removes particles. Filter is automatically flushed (this requires special “backflow prevention” and permits are much more complicated)
- Filtered greywater is distributed through drip irrigation tubing to plants
- Cost: \$10,000 - \$20,000

High tech- drip irrigation

with automatic backflush





WaterSprout design | build | maintain

high end bay area systems



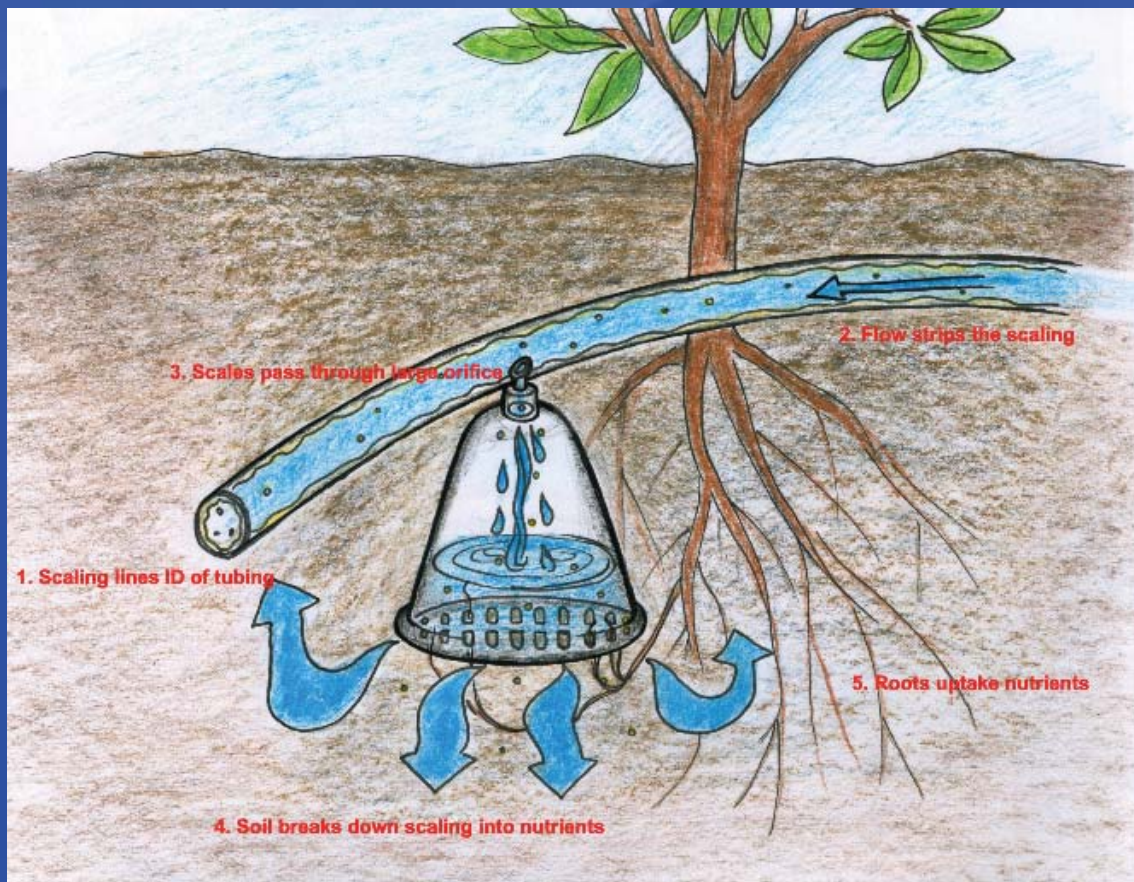
Images: Watersprout.org

GW Irrigated Lawn



<http://rewater.com>

- * underground drip system perfected for lawns
- * sand filter, automatic backwash
- * many kits available



high tech: sand filter with automatic backflush drip irrigation in Palo Alto by Re-Water



image from Re Water website

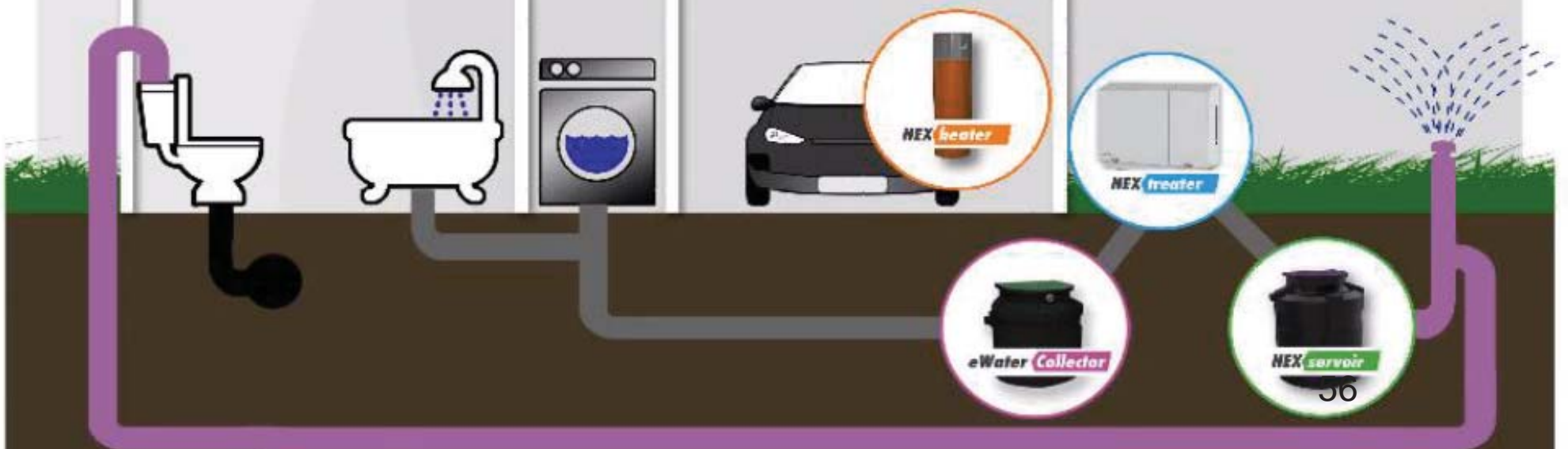
new whole house system

<http://www.nexusewater.com>



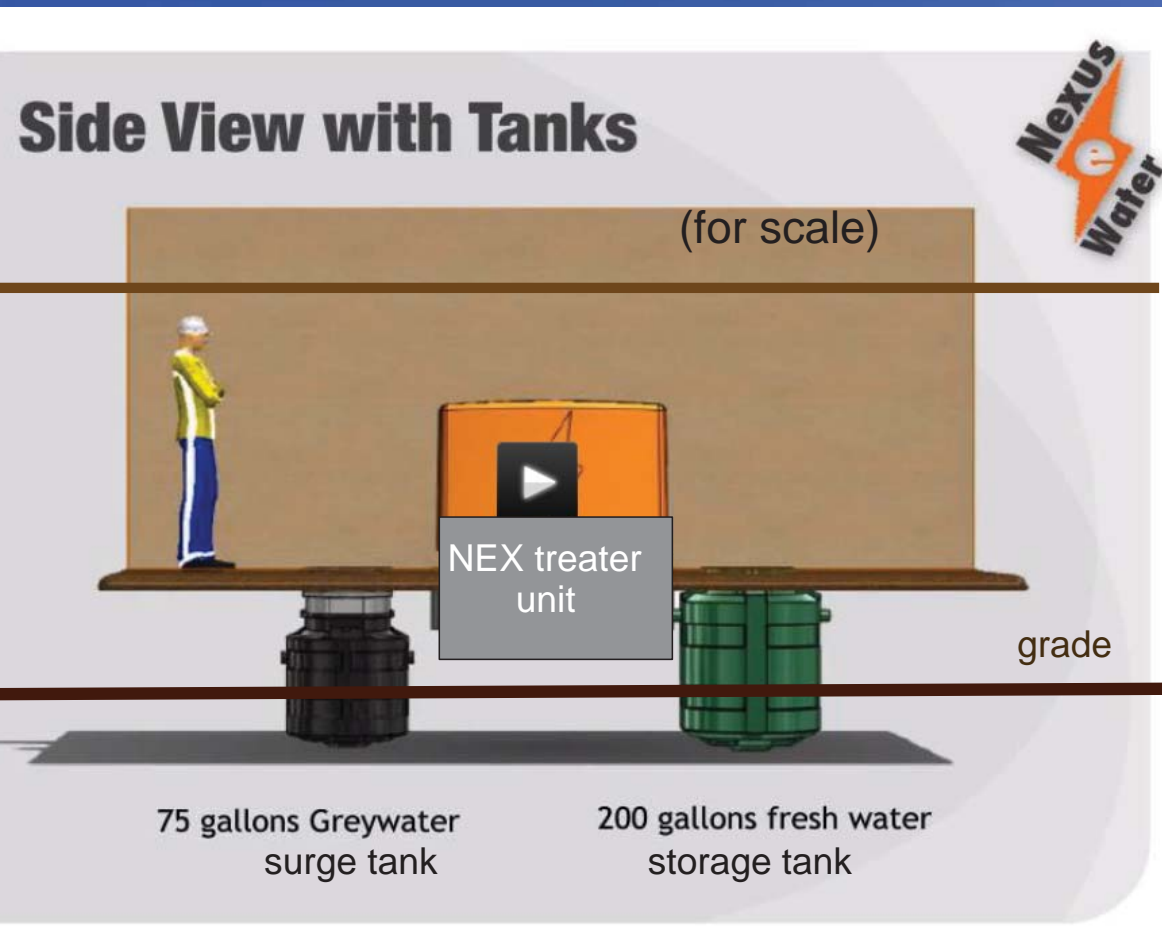
- 1 Grey water is collected
- 2 Warmth is extracted and sent to NEXheater
- 3 Water is treated in NEXtreater
- 4 Treated water is stored for lawn irrigation & toilet flushing

Nexus Water



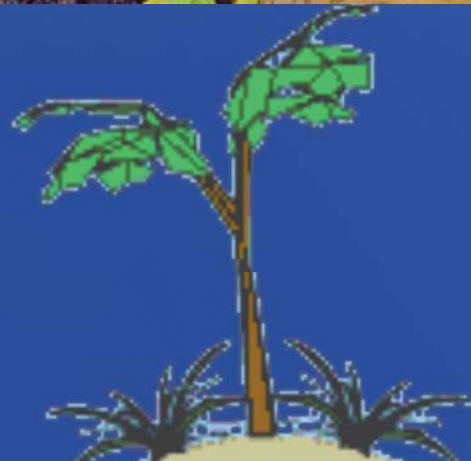


- * 200 gallons gw daily
- * treats tub/shower, hand sink, washing machine greywater to **NSF 350** standard



- * for **toilet flushing** or **above ground irrigation**
- * easy to use and maintain
- * requires no chemicals or biological culture

berkeley
eco-house
constructed
wetland



Mulch Basin

Constructed Wetland

WaterSprout 2004

constructed wetland



image by Watersprout

Greywater enters wetland in open area with large rocks to prevent clogging

- greywater flows through substrate (usually gravel or rock)
- in a water tight container or pond liner
- overflow used elsewhere in garden

Greywater outlet needs large rocks to prevent clogging

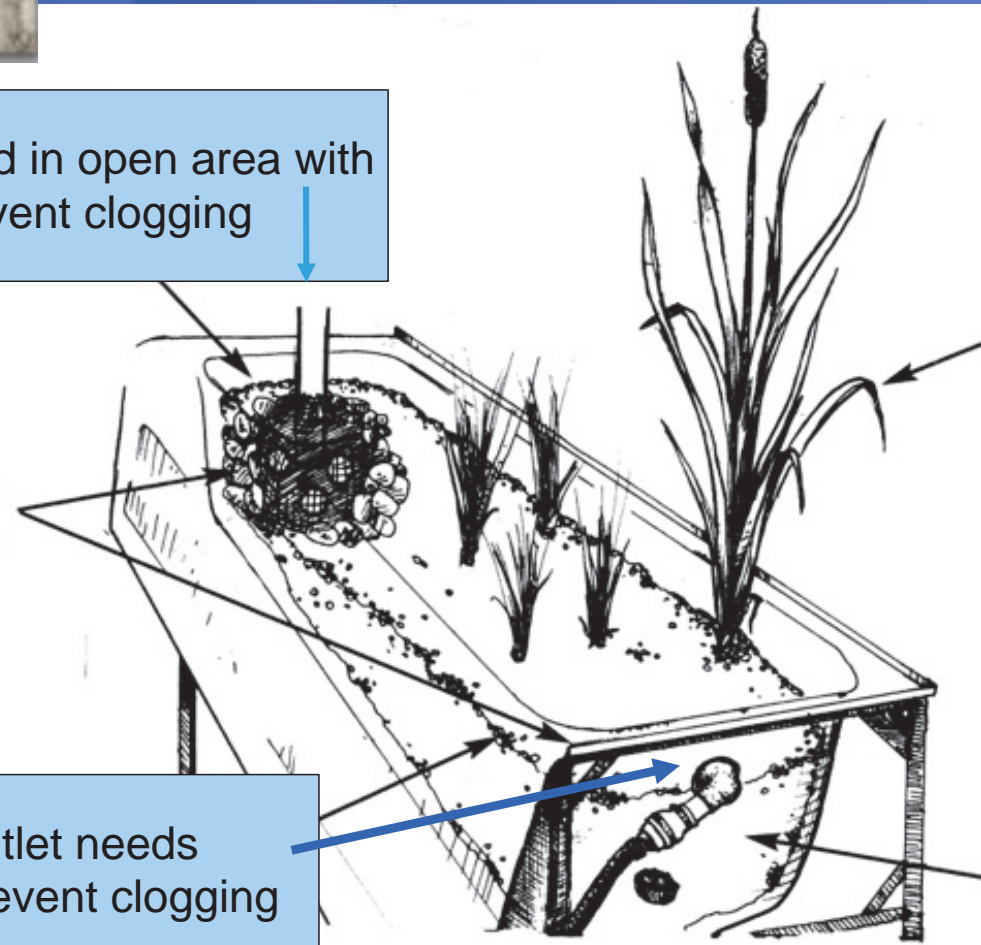


Image from Dam Nation

constructed wetland:

Pros

- way to dispose of excess greywater via transpiration
- *can relieve overloaded septic systems
- wetland plants can create a lovely garden feature
- wetlands clean water, if sized properly the outflow is clear and odorless

Cons

- *less water available for irrigation
- space required for wetland
- may clog over time
- generally requires engineering
- uses gravel and rock, which is mined (often from rivers)

activity:

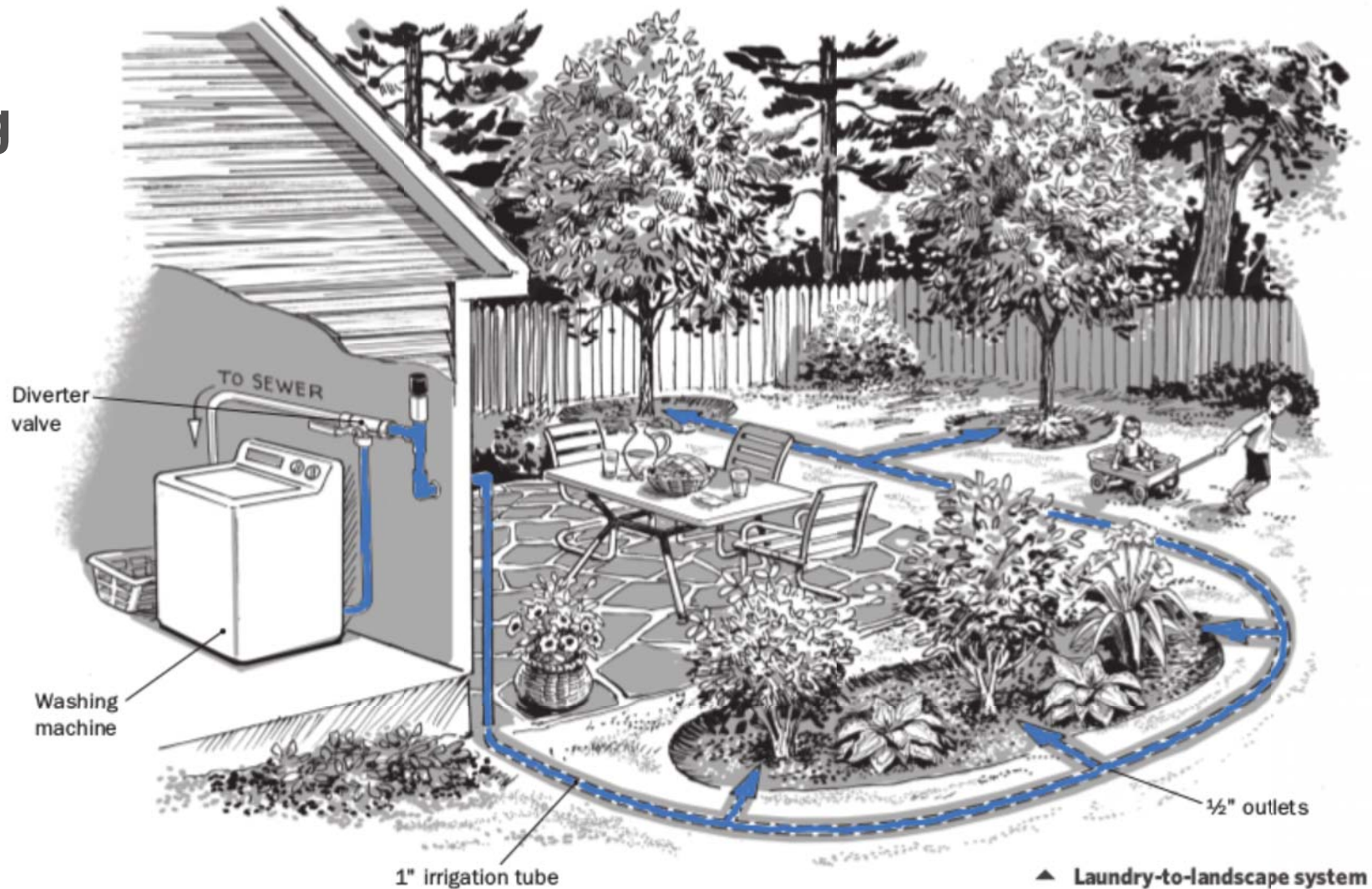
Greywater System Scenarios Practice

find a partner and decide which system would be best !

laundry-to-landscape system (L2L)

= a washing machine system

that doesn't alter the plumbing and doesn't require a permit (if basic guidelines are followed).



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costs: \$150-\$250 parts, \$700-\$2,500 professional installation

laundry to landscape system “L2L”

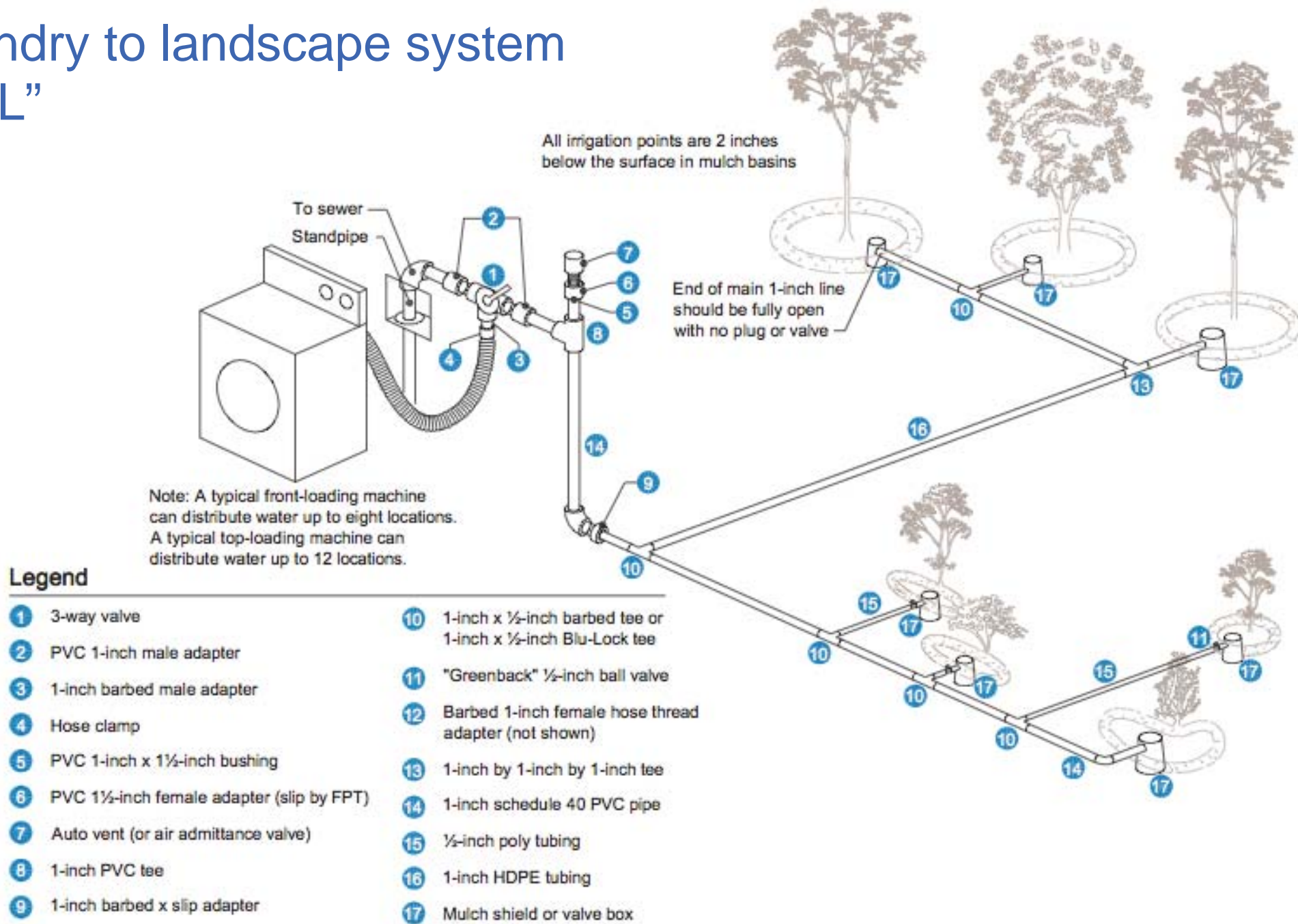


Figure 3. Laundry-to-landscape overview. Source: Clean Water Components.

laundry-to-landscape system

sewer connection

anti-siphon

diverter valve

greywater goes to
landscape out wall
or via crawlspace

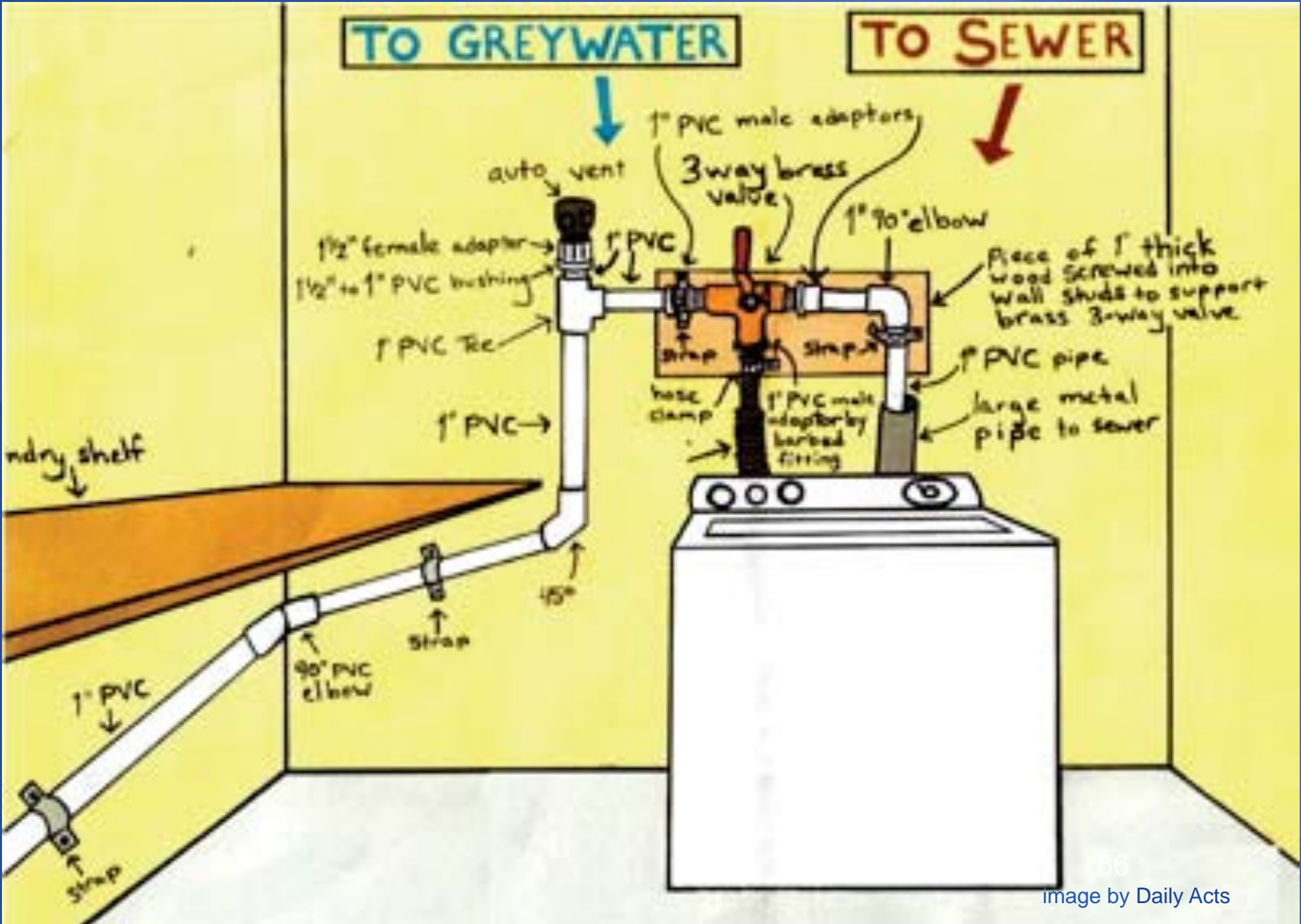


top loading machine: 35-50 gals
can distribute water to 20 places

front loading: 12-25 gals
can distribute water to
8 places

(depends on machine and landscape)

inside the laundry room...





washing machine box



laundry sink



standpipe

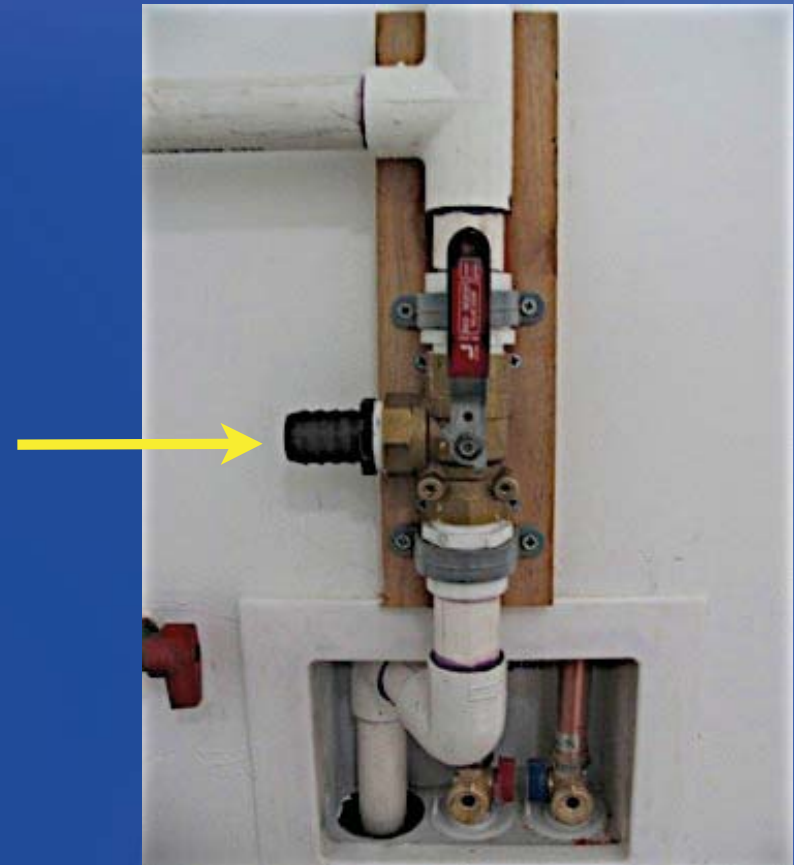
1" three-way valve:

placed higher than top of machine

directs greywater to sewer or to garden

3-way valve
may be **vertical**
or **horizontal**

washer hose always
connects to middle port



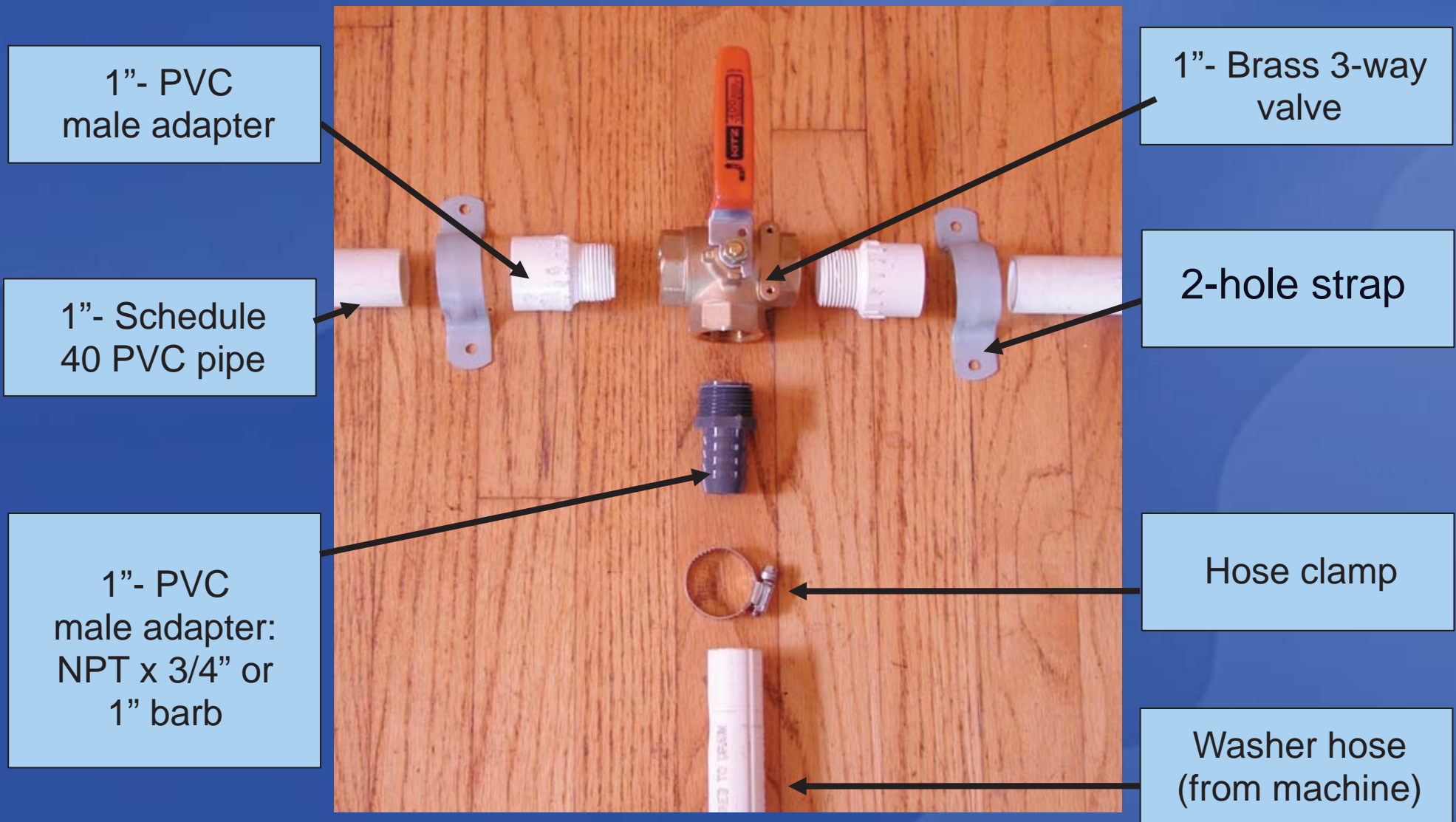
making the valve
accessible~~

even in a tight closet
with
stacking washer/dryer!



Photo by: Greywater Action

assembling the 3-way valve



teflon tape on threads

teflon tape may help prevent leaks

wrap tape **CLOCKWISE** around threads 3 to 4 times

careful not to “cross-thread” when screwing PVC threads into metal 3-way valve

tighten with appropriate tool



tips for connecting washer hose

- Select the right size barbed adaptor to fit the machine discharge hose ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1")



- If it's difficult to slip hose over barb, heat hose with hair dryer or hot water to expand it



Photo by:
Greywater Action



- Secure with hose clamp

If unable to securely fasten hose to barbs:



try using vinyl tubing to “bridge”
from hose to barbs

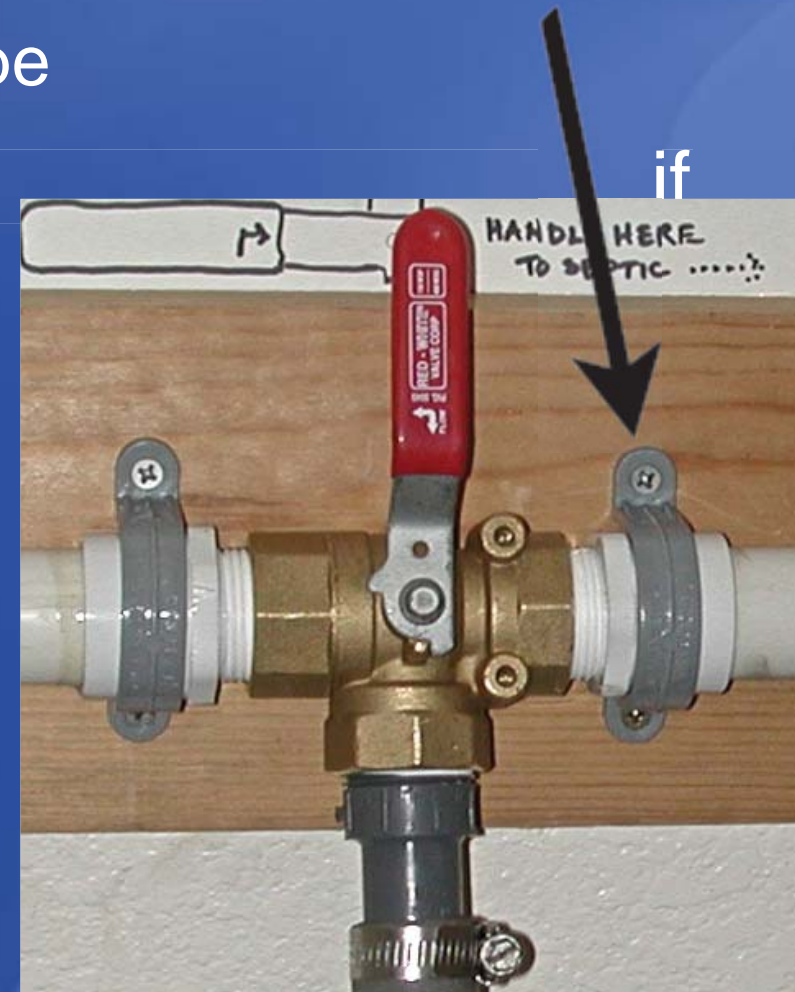
fasten with clamp over barbs
and over hose



Photos by: Greywater Action

strap indoor assembly

- use 2-hole straps
- 1-1/4" electrical straps (plastic) for over 1" PVC fittings
- 1" electrical straps over 1" PVC pipe
- add wood blocking necessary
- strap so valve is secure



valve label
explaining
how to use it

handle position
is easiest way
to indicate direction of flow



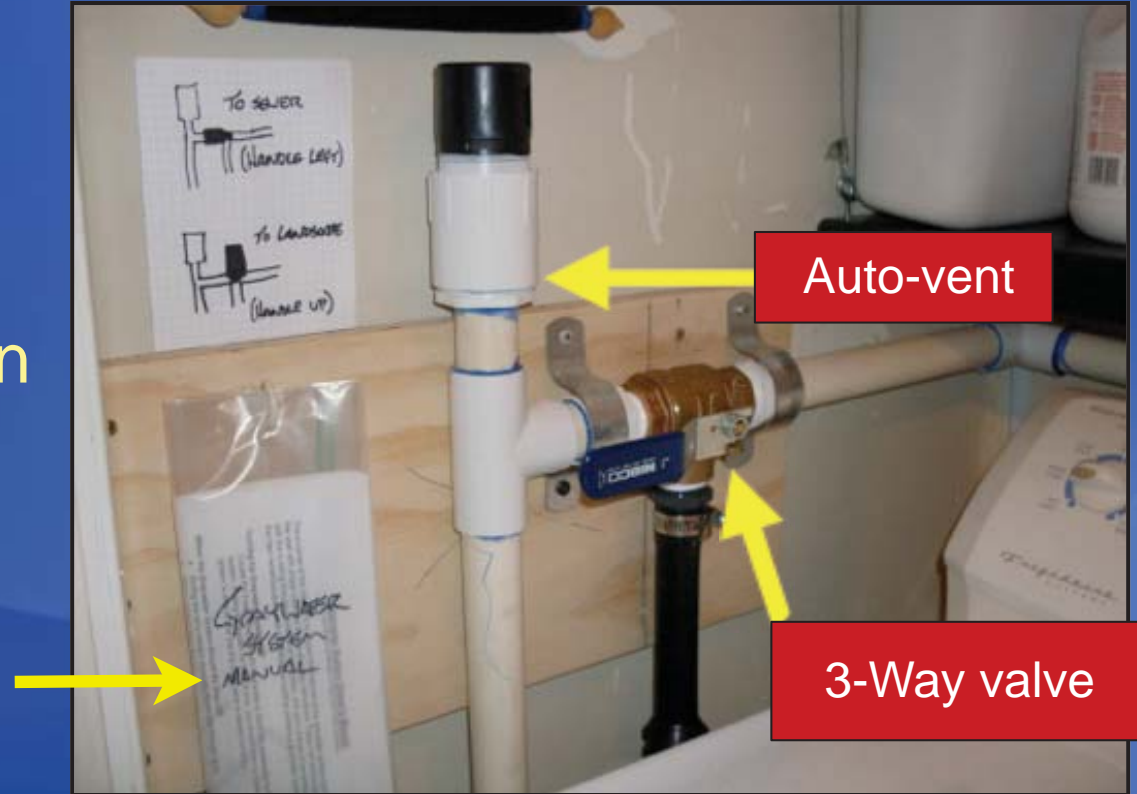
also post instructions
that bleach, diaper water,
or washwater with chemicals
must go to sewer



siphon protection:

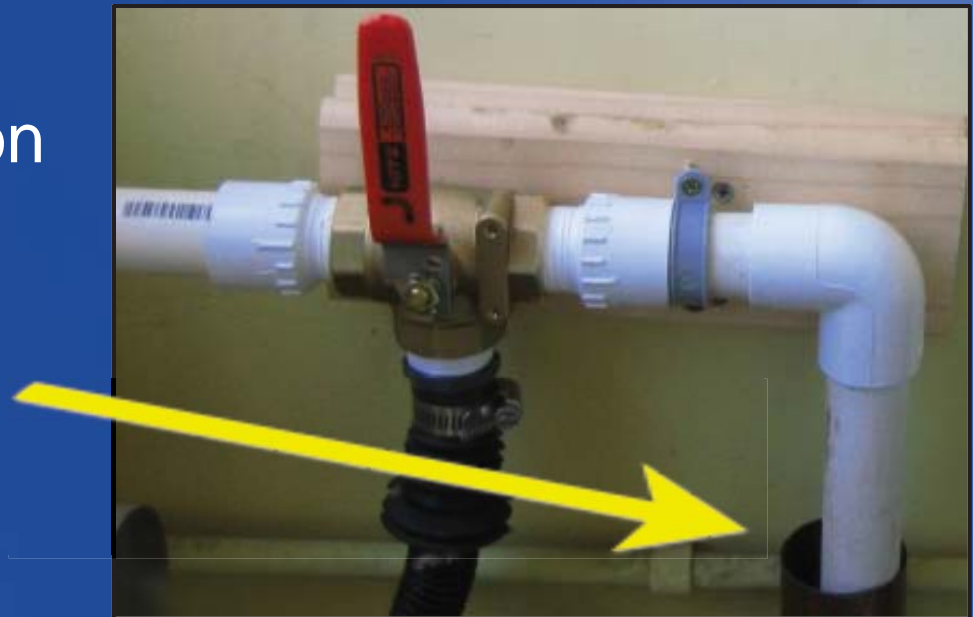
auto-vent is placed on side that goes to garden

(note labeling and owner's manual posted)



loose fit at sewer connection breaks vacuum

on side that goes back to existing drain





“auto vent”
“studor vent”
“air admittance
valve”

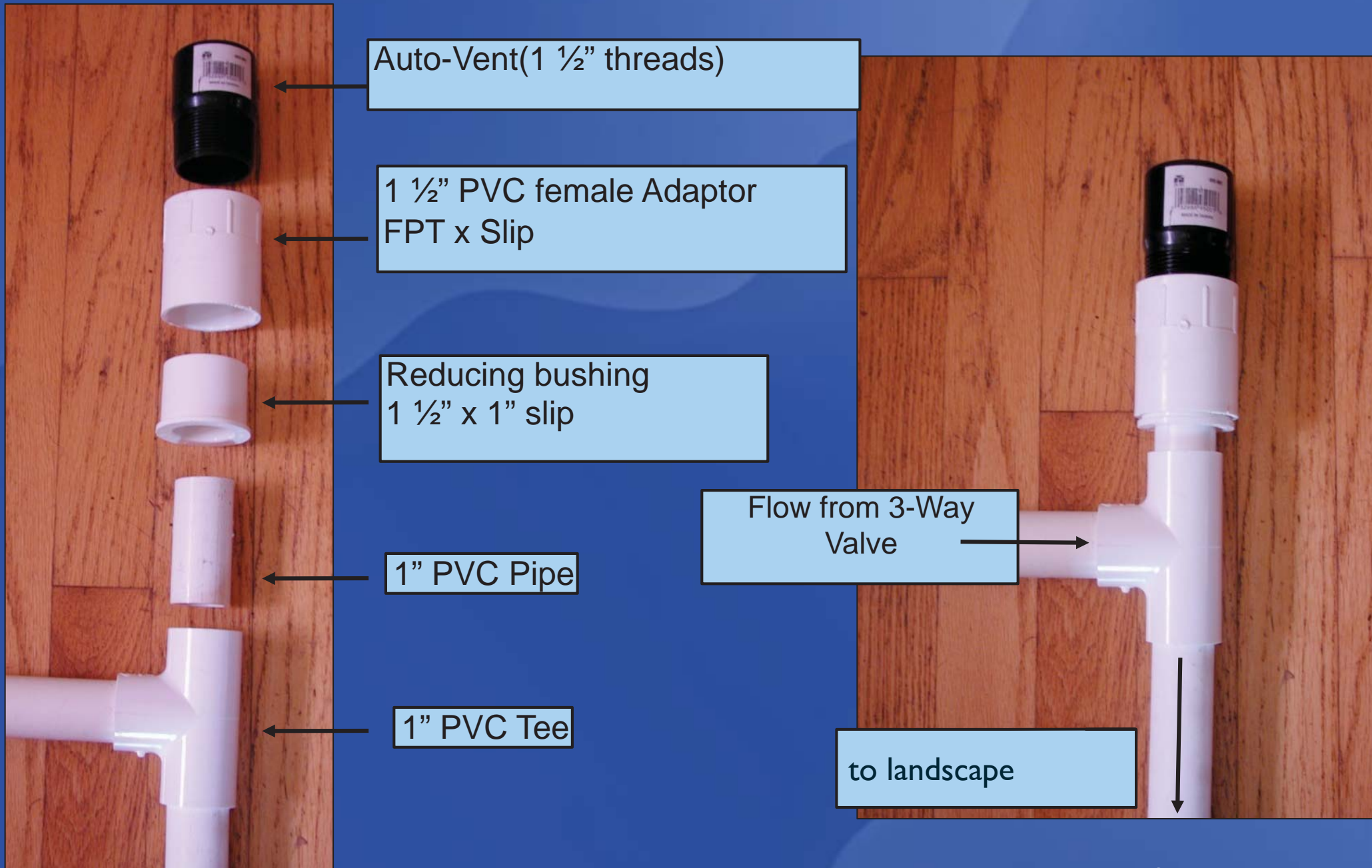
~installed at
high point
~visible and accessible
~indoors or outdoors



prevents
siphoning
of
refill water
to garden



assembling the anti-siphon component



before you start, clean the pump filter!

1.



Pump filter

consult the owner's manual
or call the manufacturer of
your particular machine for info

2.



Unscrew filter. Be ready
for water to come out!

Clean out gunk and debris from filter.
Debris will make pump work hard, machine
won't drain, and can burn out the pump.

3.



Fixitnow.com Samurai
Appliance Repair Man

working with PVC pipe

- before gluing, pipe must be clean and dry
- Gorilla PVC Glue is less toxic than regular PVC glue and primer
- apply PVC cement to the inside of the fitting “**hub**”
first
- next, apply cement to the outside of the pipe.
- push together quickly, inserting pipe all the way into the fitting, and hold a few seconds
- (pipe will try to push out)

preparing the pipe to exit building

- remember to add the length of pipe that will “slip” into the fitting when figuring your measurements
- to minimize friction, use as few fittings and turns as possible
- If possible, always slope the pipe downward to the outside
- PVC pipe can be cut using either PVC cutters or a handsaw

tips for drilling the exit hole

- drill a pilot hole (or 4 at outer edges of circle)
 - use a long $\frac{1}{4}$ " or smaller bit for the pilot hole
 - use correct bit for your wall/floor
 - (wood holesaw bit, stucco bit, etc.)

Caution: Before drilling, locate the gas, electrical and water shut off to the home.

D

after confirming there are no obstructions:

- drill hole for 1" PVC using a 1½" bit
- a circle of small holes may be drilled in stucco then the stucco chipped out of the center
- drill from outside in and inside out for clean edges

soaps and products

avoid:

- salt (sodium compounds)
- Boron (borate)
- Chlorine bleach (hydrogen peroxide bleach okay)

recommended products:

- liquid laundry detergent: Oasis, ECOS, Biopac, more
- soap alternatives: Soap nuts, “wonder balls”
- **read ingredients**: “biodegradable” is not necessarily garden friendly!
- sodium is common in fabric softeners/water softeners

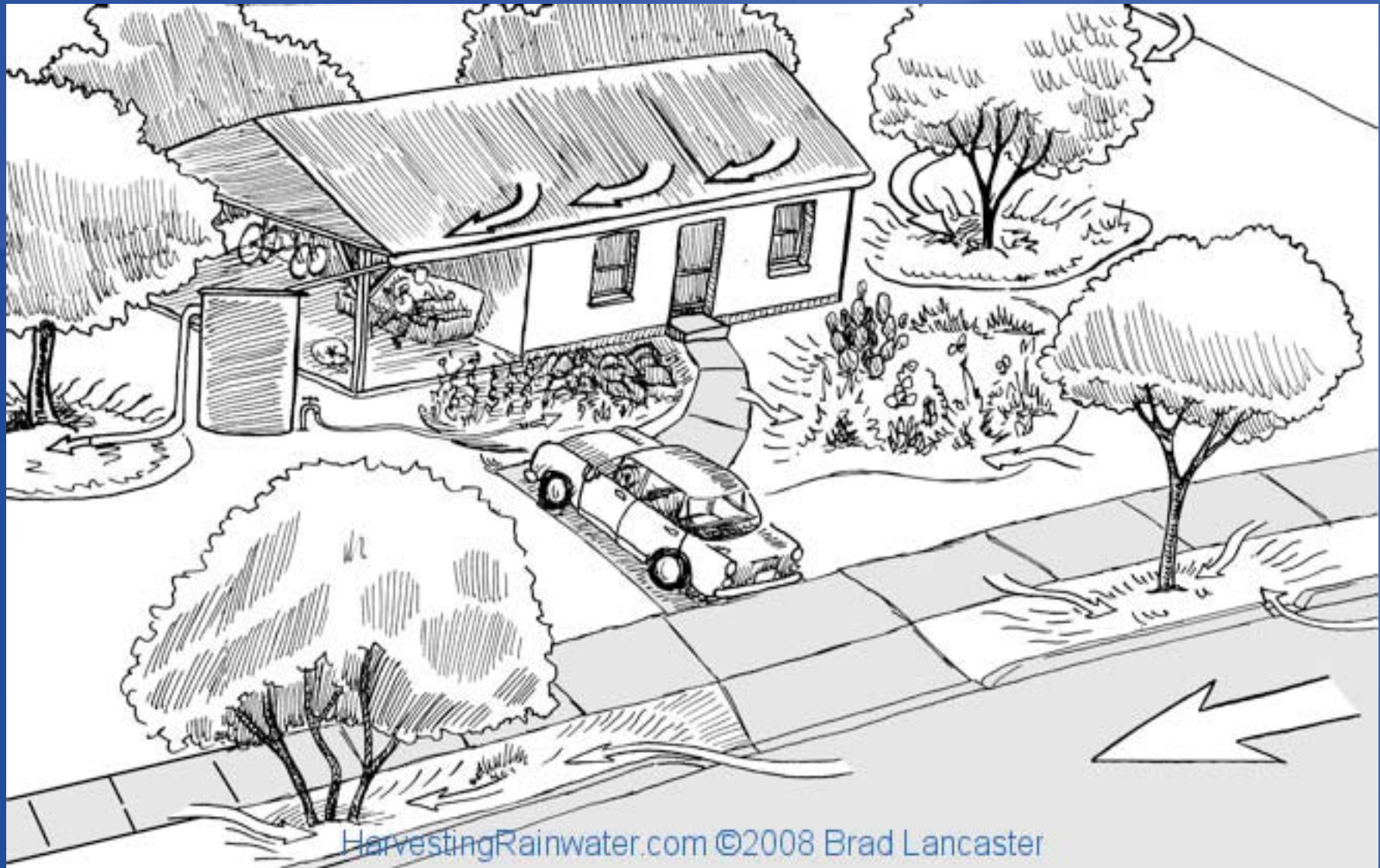


now for the outdoor component:

distributing the greywater
in the garden

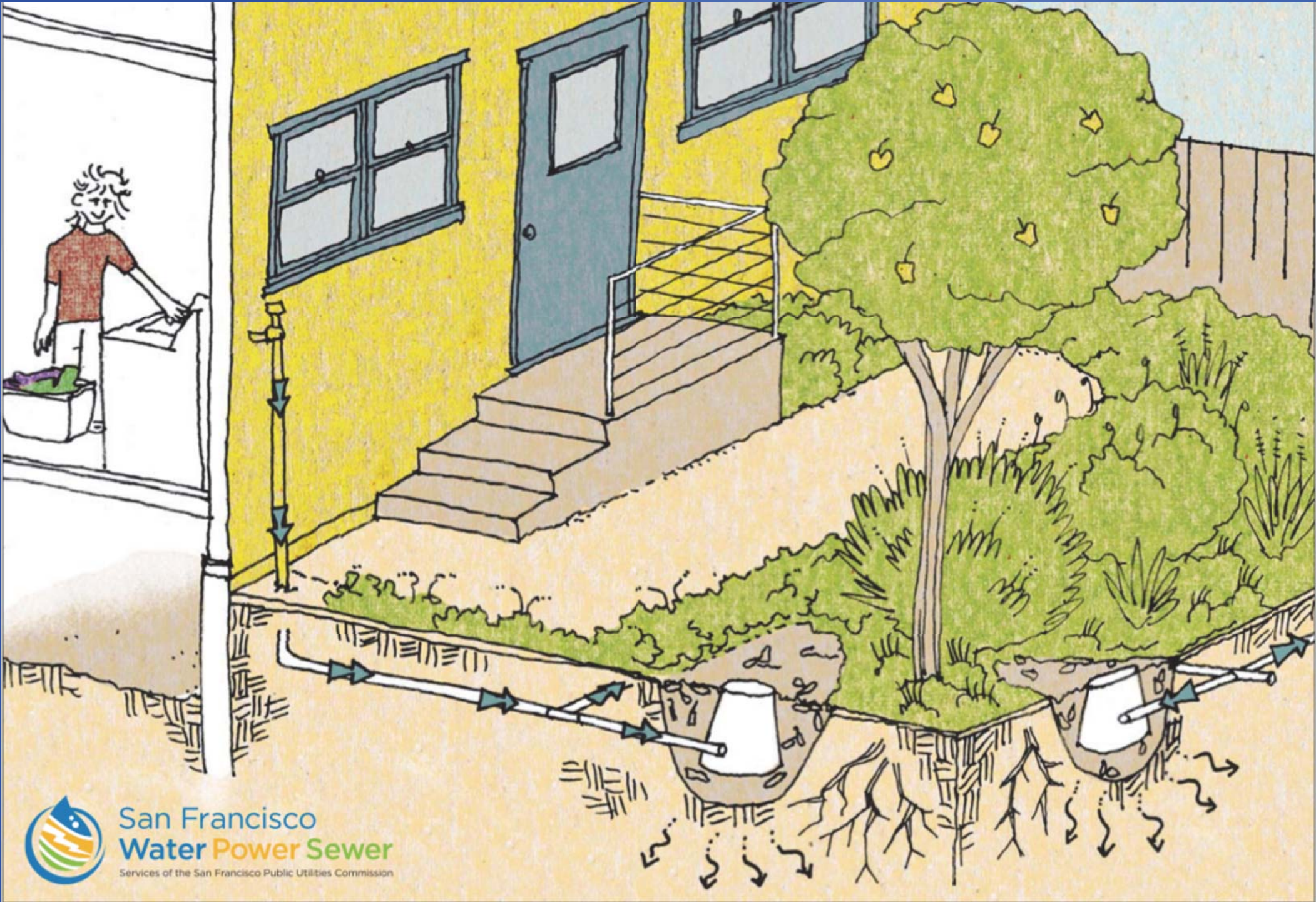
greywater as part of the bigger picture

Integrated design: Roof catches water, rain infiltrations into basins, rain and greywater grow shade, food, wildlife habitat, and beauty.

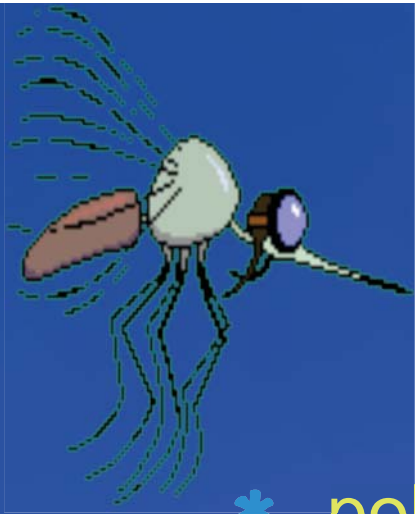


inside to outside

(SFPUC's Graywater Design Manual)



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valid concerns

- * **pollution** of creeks, bodies of water, groundwater
- * **contamination** of soil with toxins or salts
- * **runoff** into storm drains or to neighboring property
- * **exposure** to humans by pooling on surface
- * **mosquitos**
- * **cross connection** and contamination of potable water supply

outside portion of L2L

- determine greywater production
- calculate plant water requirements
- identify what plants to irrigate
- plan the path of travel
- prepare the landscape
- comply with the code

estimate greywater production

1. number of loads of laundry done each week?

2. loads done each day?

3. number of gallons per load?

- top loading machine uses \approx 35-50 gallons/load
- front loading machine uses \approx 12-25 gallons/load

3. future changes?

- new machine? change in usage? change in landscape?
-

*Weekly greywater produced =
Loads per week x Gallons per load*

NOTE: Consult washing machine manual for actual gallons used per load.

a point of clarification:

use *weekly* greywater production to decide how many plants to water.

use *daily maximum flow* to determine size of mulch basins.

irrigation basins
must be large enough to contain all greywater on site
with no run-off to storm drains, bodies of water,
neighboring property

“Ponding or runoff is prohibited and shall be considered a nuisance.”

deciding what plants to irrigate

Best choices

Trees
Shrubs & Bushes
Vines
Perennials
Large Annuals
Food crops
(greywater mustn't
touch the edible
portion)

... and not so Great

Lawns
Small or potted plants
Raised beds
PH Sensitive plants
Established & never irrigated
Drought tolerant

Plants with larger root zones do better with irrigation
from the washer- ie. stay happy with laundry water patterns

plant water requirements

general rule of thumb

- for each square foot of the plant's footprint, assume a plant water requirement of $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon per week

Plant water requirements are affected by microclimates, sun/wind exposure, type of plant, ground water depth, etc.

This rule of thumb number is for peak irrigation time.



The footprint is the area beneath the canopy

finding plant water requirements

How many gallons/week would a fruit tree with a 4 foot radius need during the peak irrigation season?

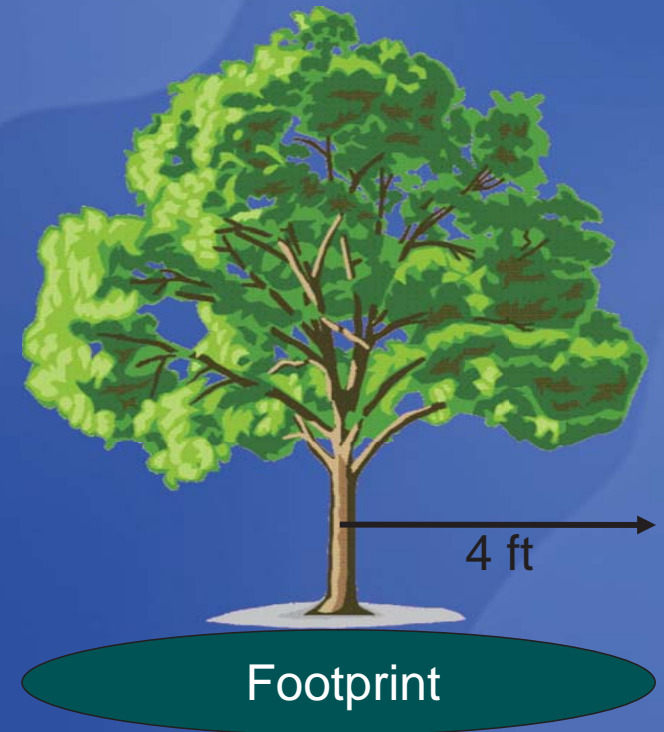
(At 1/2 gallon per sq. ft.)

Using πr^2 :

$3 \times 4 \times 4 = 48$ square feet

$48/2 = 24$ gallons per week during peak months

If a drought tolerant plant, divide by 2 again = 12 gallons/week



path of travel tips

- pipe around obstacles
- try to maintain a downward slope when installing pipes
- distribution points should be within 50 feet on level ground

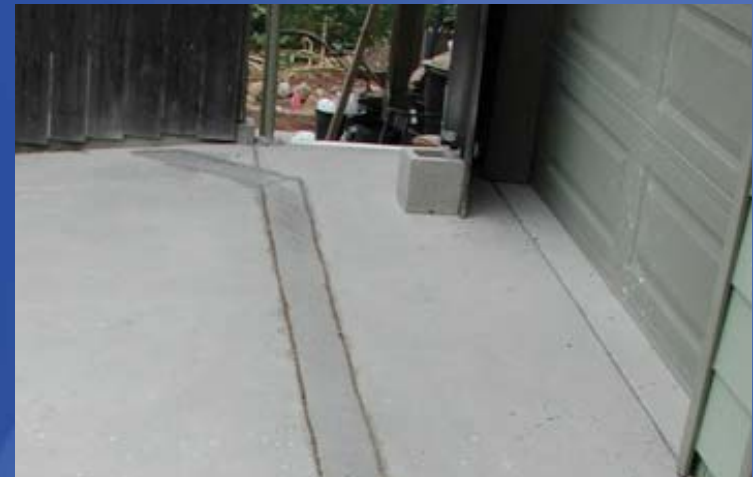


hardscape!

- go under it
- around it
- remove it
- cut a strip out of it



Photo by: Greywater Action



transition from PVC rigid pipe to HDPE irrigation tubing



1" HDPE

1" PVC

1" barbed by male
adapter

1" threaded
union

1" male
adapter

union allows opening and flushing of system with a hose periodically to remove lint or clogs, or to re-test balance



positioning the transition
vertically gives easy access

laying the tubing in the landscape

run tubing along a fence or wall
away from foot traffic



- ~trench into
solid ground
- ~stake
- ~cover deep enough
to protect from sun
and traffic
- ~irrigate on uphill side
of the plant



1" open at end

slope considerations

be mindful of the washing machine pump!

- in a flat yard, distribution should be within 50 feet
 - if the site is sloped down to distribution points, no rule about distance
 - serpentine down hills to slow flow for more even distribution
 - irrigate on the up-hill side of plant
- leave one 1" end open
to protect the pump

Note: If the distribution point is uphill, Laundry to Landscape is not recommended.





serpentine
the tubing
down a slope to
natives around
a redwood tree



a while later...

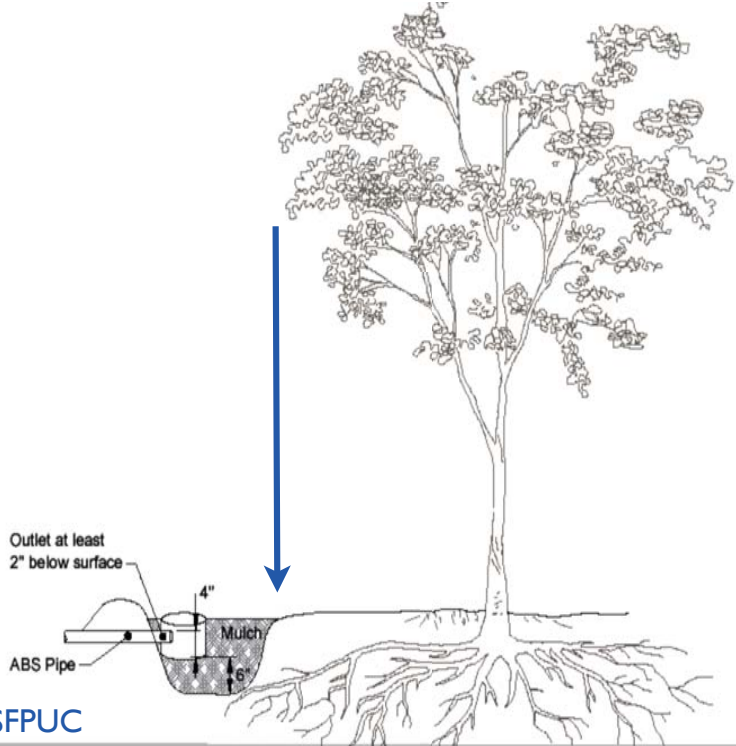
code language: mulch basin

A subsurface type of irrigation ...field filled with mulch or other approved permeable material of sufficient depth, length, and width to prevent ponding or runoff during the gray water surge of a clothes washer...

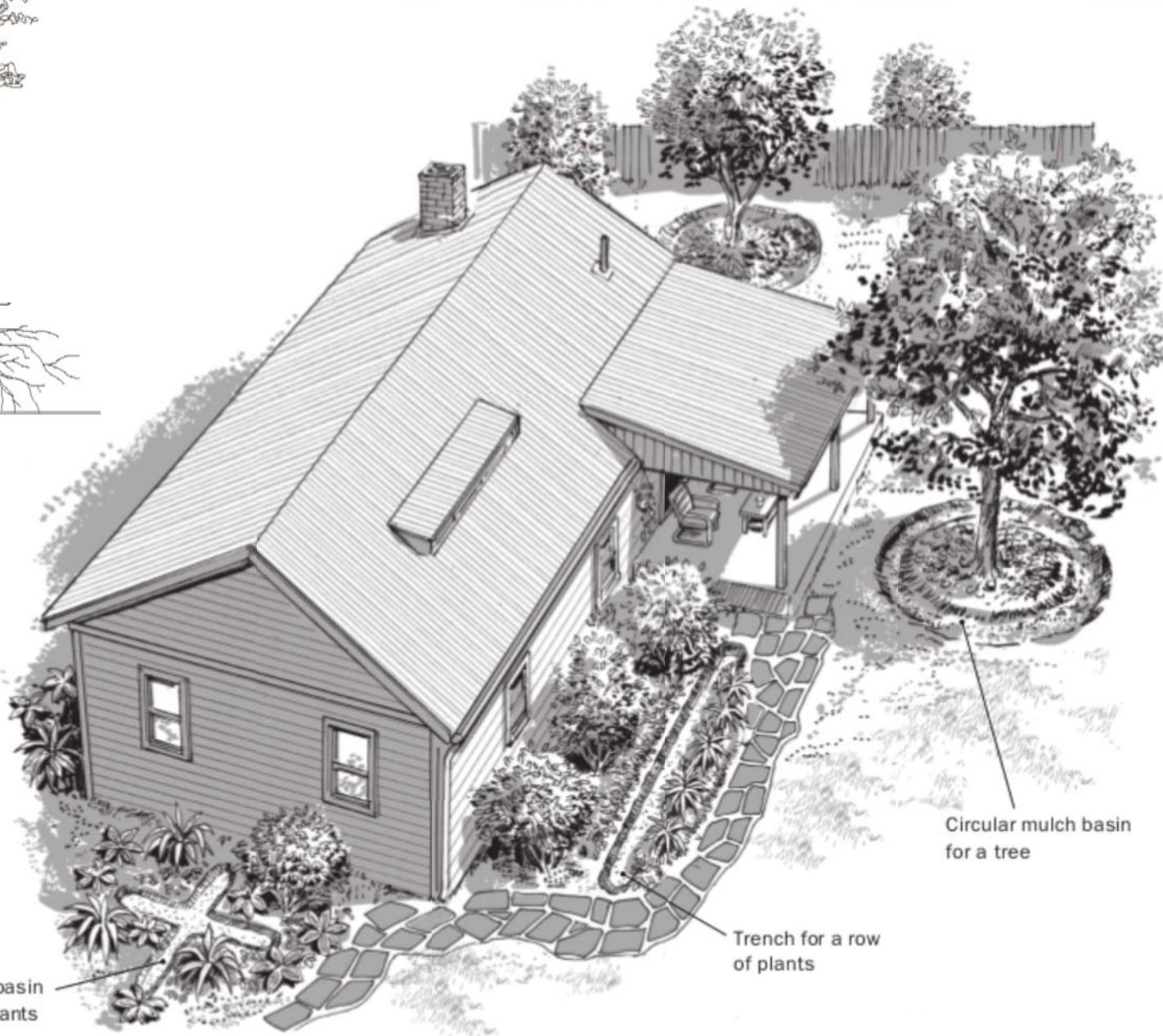
A mulch basin may include a basin around a tree, a trough along a row of plants, or other shapes necessary for irrigation ...

Mulch must be replenished as required due to decomposition of organic matter. Mulch basins will require periodic maintenance, reshaping or removal of dirt to maintain surge capacity and to accommodate plant growth and prevent ponding or runoff.

mulch basins at drip line of plants



basins
can be
different
shapes



mulch irrigation basins

prevent surfacing; allow greywater to seep slowly into soil

- assuring graywater will not:
 - pond on surface
 - run off of property
 - enter the storm drain



Size of basin will vary based on amount of greywater produced, number of distribution points, and soil type.

- in **clay soil**, trench **1 sq. ft.** for each gallon of greywater produced daily
- in **sandy loam** **1/2 sq. ft.** per gallon



mulch basin sizing

anticipate where future drip line will be when tree matures!

Example: (Clay soil)

3 loads of laundry (on Saturdays)
at 20 gallons/load = 60 gallons

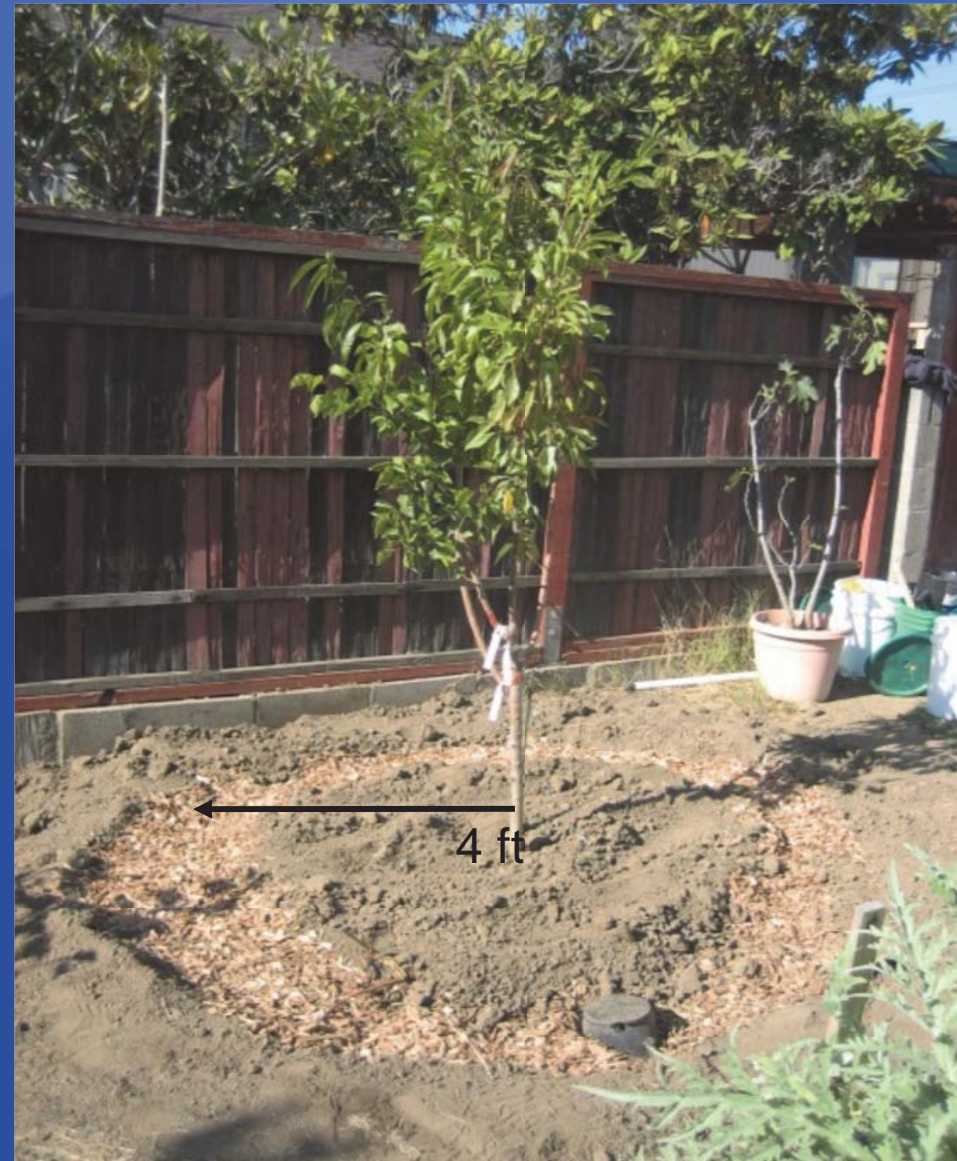
6 trees to irrigate

$60/6 = 10$ gallons per tree.

Each tree needs at least 10 sq. ft. of basin.

1 ft. wide basin around tree with 4 ft. radius has
(using circumference = $2\pi r$)

$2 \times 3.14 \times 4' = 25.12$ sq. ft. of mulch basin



outside in the garden:



1" HDPE main

1/2" poly branches
to mulch shields...

set in mulch basins



setbacks for mulch basin irrigation fields

2 ft from buildings

1.5 ft from property lines

100 ft from wells or creeks

5 ft from septic tank

4 ft from leach field

3 ft above groundwater table

greywater freefalls onto mulch at bottom of **mulch shield**
disperses in mulch basin

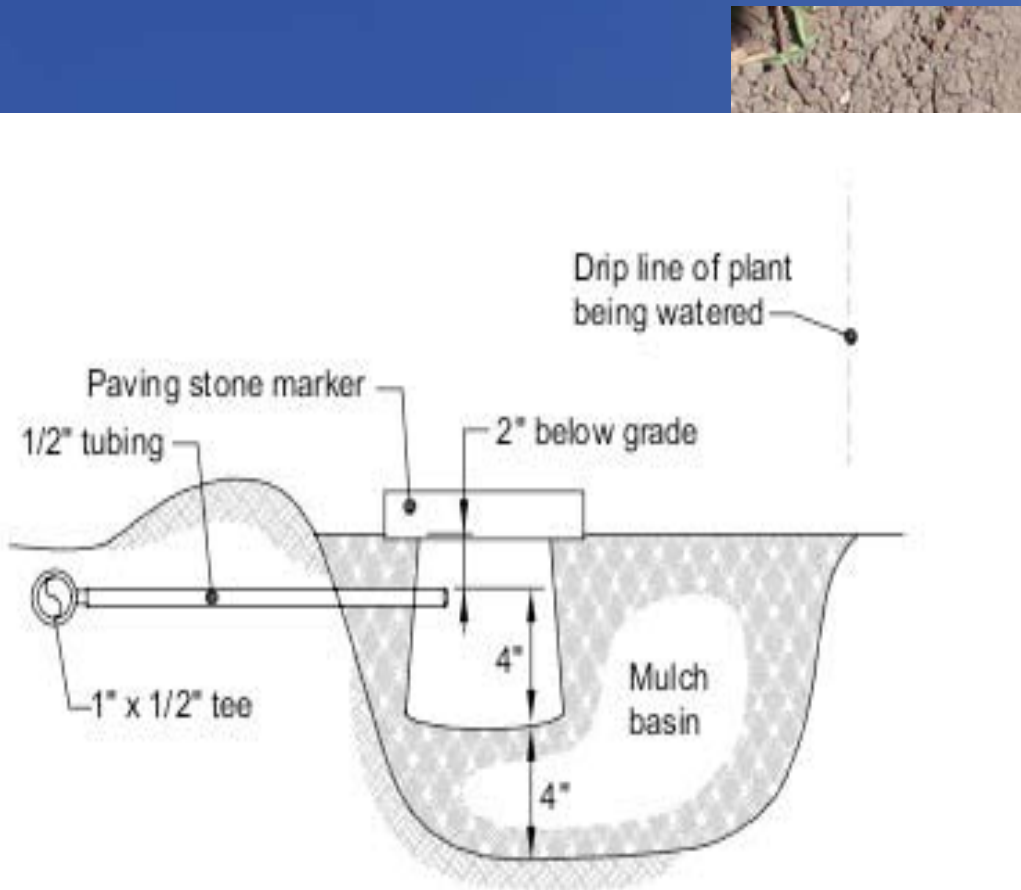
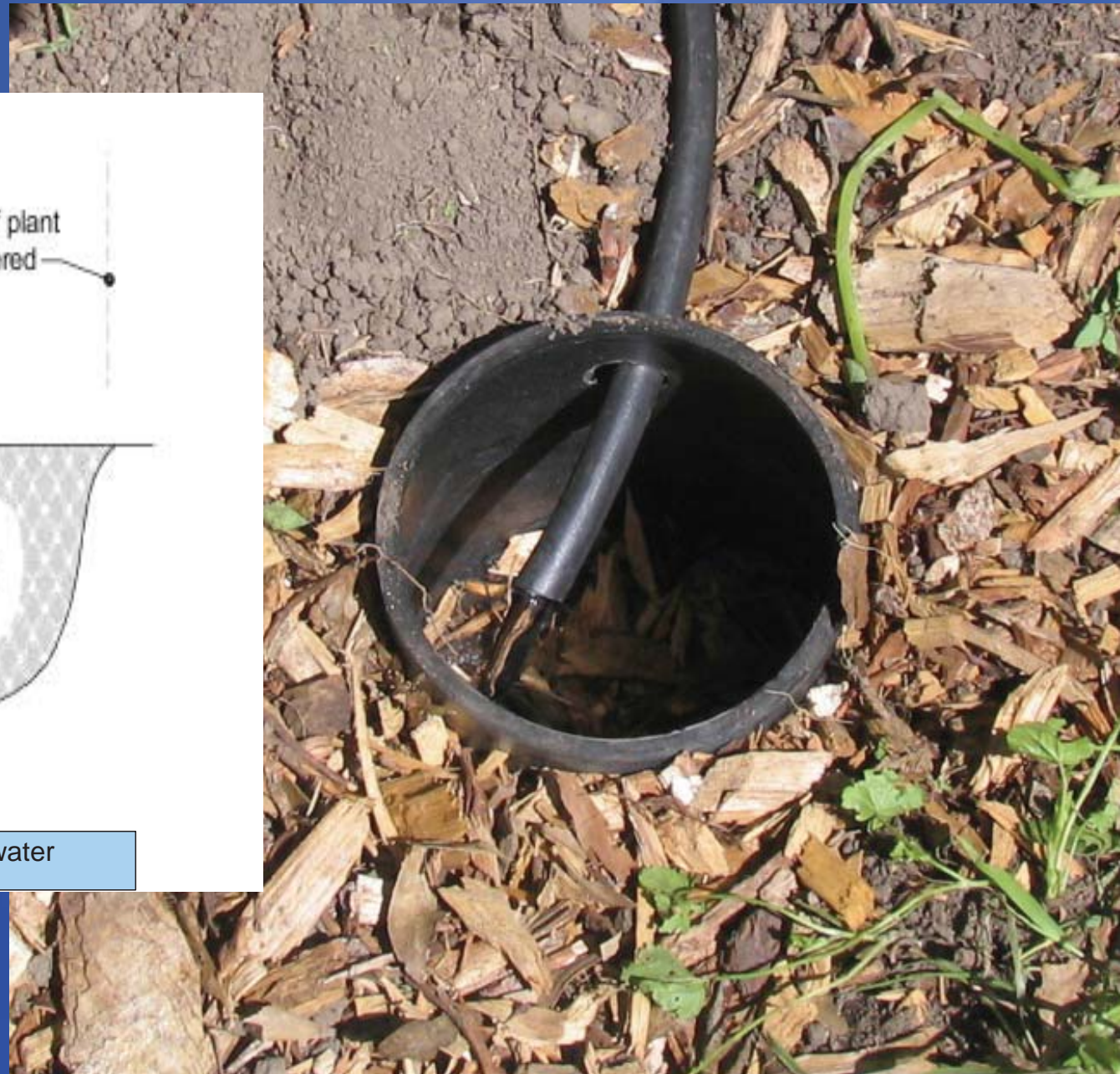


Figure 4. Mulch shield placement.

Image from SFPUC manual on greywater



mulch shields

The discharge point of any greywater ...subsurface irrigation field shall be covered by at least (2) inches of mulch, rock, or soil, or a solid shield to minimize the possibility of human contact.

Greywater may be released above the ground surface provided at least two (2) inches of mulch, rock, or soil, or a solid shield covers the release point. 2013 CPC 1602.1 (D) & (E)

~prevent roots
from clogging outlet

~mark location of outlets
for monitoring of flow

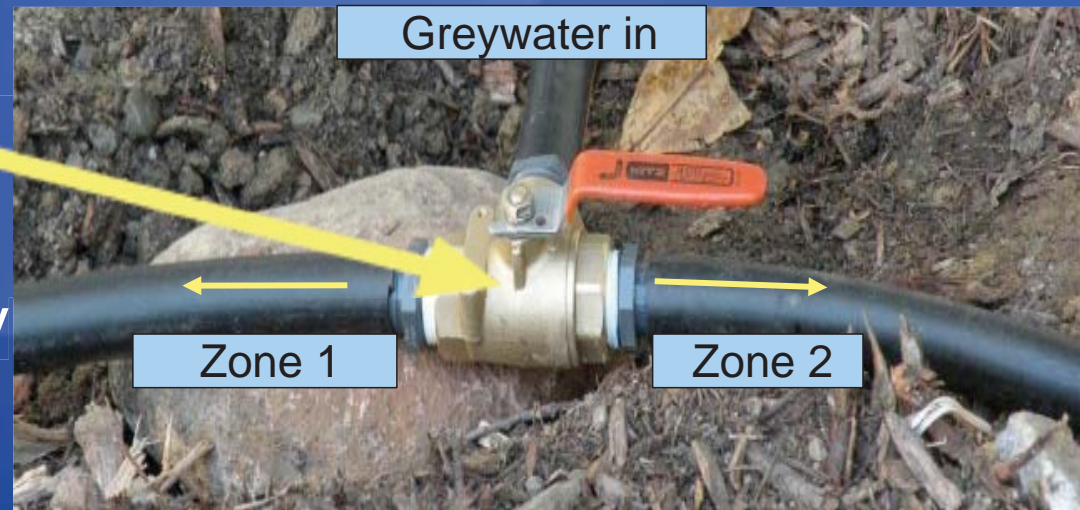
~allow greywater to sink
into mulch below and
spread around basin

Drill hole for greywater
tube 2" below top



two zone systems if producing lots of greywater

a 3-way valve in the
landscape can create
two “either/or” zones--
must be switched manually



or

a 1” ball valve can allow
occasional flow
to a secondary zone
via 1” branch main





tiny mulch basins
and mulch shields

raised beds?
remember,
no root veggies

edible part
of plant
must not touch
greywatered soil



drill holes in 1" tubing
(knowing they will clog and
need cleaning out)
mulch around tubing
cover with 3 or 4" pipe or flex
tubing, cut in half

drip tubing--
(cover with
2" of mulch)



Image: Leigh Jerrard

up into a barrel...

and into mulch shield



preferred method of testing/flushing



adjust system to balance flows



Photo by: Greywater Action

adjust angle of tees

(use the curve in the tubing to help)



1/2' ball valves can help balance flows

hidden distribution points



Photo by: Greywater Action

review: key points for L2L

for **laundry only**--since machine has **internal pump**
uses **1" pipe and tube, 1/2" outlets**

anti-siphon auto-vent must be at high point
no storage

leave at least one end of 1" tube open
could shorten life of pump

remember the Operation and Maintenance Manual!

An operation and maintenance manual shall be provided to the owner.

Directions shall indicate the manual is to remain with the building throughout the life of the system

and indicate that upon change of ownership or occupancy, the new owner or tenant shall be notified the structure contains a gray water system.

2013 CPC 1602.1 (H)

finishing up

stake and bury tubing

check for leaks inside

paint exposed PVC pipe outside

seal holes in walls/floor

post signs

post maintenance manual

get graywater friendly soap

do your laundry and water your plants!

painting and sealing



Paint exposed PVC to protect against UV damage

Seal hole with adhesive water sealant.

Photo by: Greywater Action



Have you complied with the Code?

System Check List

- Have you installed the 3-Way Valve?
 - Is it visible and accessible?
 - Is it labeled appropriately?
- Have you posted a Maintenance Manual?
- Is the anti-siphon installed?
 - Is it on the landscape side of the system?
 - Is it the highest point of the system?
 - Is it visible & accessible in case of leaks?
- Is the greywater discharging 2" below the surface?

Have you complied with the Code?

System Check List (continued)

- Will all graywater be contained on site?
- All discharge points (not the pipe) comply with setback requirements?

1.5 feet from property line

2 feet from buildings

100 feet from waterways and wells

5 feet from septic tank

4 feet from leach field

3 feet above groundwater table

Have you complied with the Code?

System Check List (continued)

- The system is not connected to any potable water supply.
- Water used to wash diapers or similarly soiled clothing will not be diverted to the landscape.
- No hazardous chemicals will be diverted to the landscape.

break!

then the hand's on play

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<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/tv/ask-toh/video/0,,20565323,00.html>

basics of plumbing biology / terminology

male threads screw into **female threads**

NPT=National Pipe Thread, the standard

male threads = **MPT**; female = **FPT**

hose threads = **HT**, are different than NPT pipe threads

adapters are fittings that transition from one method of connecting to another...glued to threaded, glued to barbed, barbed to threaded, etc

bushings are fittings that insert into other fittings in order to reduce the size of the pipe coming out that side

the end of a pipe can be glued into a "**slip**" fitting

activity:

with a group,
help each other ID the parts provided--
what is their function?

then, mock up a Laundry to Landscape
system!

then share your creation
and get feedback

Resources for Laundry 2 Landscape Systems:

Greywater Action: www.greywateraction.org

Oasis Design: www.oasisdesign.net

Excellent how to video from Ask This Old House: “Graywater, Small Engines”

Step-by-step, how to build an L2L System:

San Francisco Graywater Design Manual for Outdoor Irrigation-
download for free at sfwater.org (search for “graywater”)

The Water-Wise Home by Laura Allen

Create an Oasis with Greywater by Art Ludwig

Parts:

Barron Park Supply Company, Mountain view:

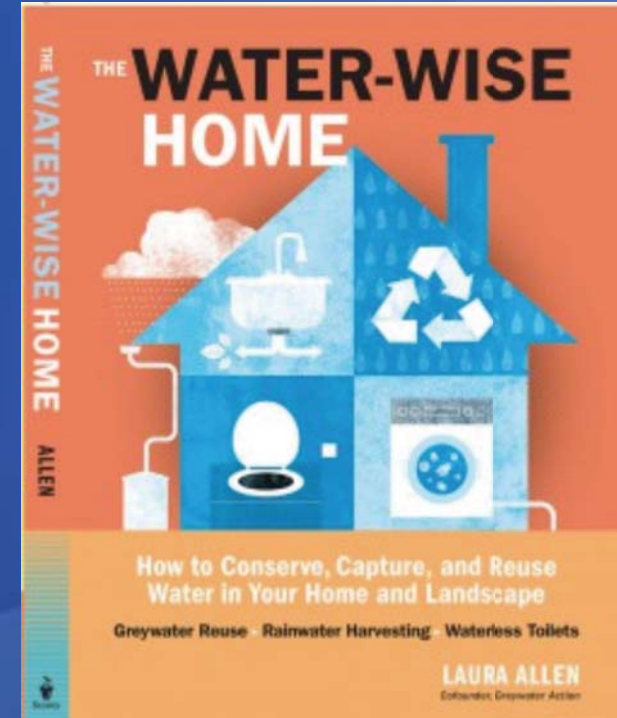
<http://www.barronparksupply.com>

The Urban Farmer Store (SF) parts for L2L systems:

<http://www.urbanfarmerstore.com>

<http://www.gray-2-green.com/>

<http://cleanwatercomponents.com/store/greywater>



<http://greywateraction.org>

~~attend a workshop to get
hand's on practice
installing a real system

~~find an installer to hire

~~more information and images
of system installations





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