

Put Greywater to Work for You

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Overview

- Case Study: BSA Bechtel Summit Reserve
- Definition of Greywater
- NSF350 Treatment Standards
- Project Examples
- Typical Cost
- Energy Usage







BSA Summit Project Goals

- Create a model for sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Create a site that would be a "net zero energy" and "net zero carbon footprint environment
- Protect the New River by eliminating any direct discharge of treated wastewater





Boy Scouts of America

- 336 shower facilities
- Reuse of greywater for toilet flushing
- Rainwater makeup
- Potable water makeup





BSA Greywater System Requirements

- Capable of treating 2,000 gpd per 24 hour period
- Minimal PVC. Preferable materials: fiberglass and HDPE
- Use of gravity only to divert flow to blackwater system, with no human interaction
- Small footprint
- 112 units required
- From zero use to full treatment use in 24 hours or less
- Energy efficient



BSA Greywater Treatment Criteria

	Avg	Max
cBOD ₅	10 mg/L	25 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	10 mg/L	30 mg/L
Turbidity	10 NTU	20 NTU
E. coli	14 MPN/100 mL	240 MPN/100 mL
рН	6.5-8.5	



- AX20-RT configuration
- Reuse for toilet flushing
- UV Disinfection











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Table 4A-1: Standard Advantex Stage Sizing For Greywater

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	Design Avg	Design Max.
Hydraulic Loading Rate (HLR)	40 gpd/ft ² *	80 gpd/ft ² *
Organic Loading Rate (OLR)	0.04 lbs BOD ₅ /ft²/day	0.08 lbs BOD ₅ /ft ² /day
Total Nitrogen Loading Rate (TNLR)	0.014 lbs TN/ft ² /day	0.028 lbs TN/ft²/day
Ammonia Loading Rate (ALR)	0.01 lbs NH ₃ -N/ft ² /day	0.02 lbs NH ₃ -N/ft ² /day

*This is the maximum rate allowed by Orenco, however local regulation may be more restrictive. Check local regulation.

Determining Influent Constituent Concentrations:

Orenco prefers sampled data to establish influent waste strengths for greywater applications. When sample data is unavailable, NSF350-1 is typically used to estimate influent constituent concentrations. These concentrations are based upon what is being served and are listed in the tables below.

Table 4A-2: Expected Range of Greywater Constituents, 30-Day Average

	Application Type 6A, Shower/Bath Only	Application Type 6B, Laundry Only	Application Type 6C, Shower/Bath and Laundry
Parameter			
TSS	50-100 mg/L	50-100 mg/L	80-160 mg/L
BOD ₅	100-180 mg/L	220-300 mg/L	130-180 mg/L
Temperature	25-35° C	25-35° C	25-35° C
рH	6.0-7.5	7.0-8.5	6.5-8.0
Turbidity	30-70 NTU	50-90 NTU	50-100 NTU
Sodium	n/a	50-90 mg/L	50-90 mg/L
Total Phosphorous P	1.0-4.0 mg/L	<2.0 mg/L	1.0-3.0 mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen-N	3.0-5.0 mg/L	4.0-6.0 mg/L	3.0-5.0 mg/L
COD	200-400 mg/L	300-500 mg/L	250-400 mg/L
TOC	30-60 mg/L	50-100 mg/L	50-100 mg/L
E. coli	10 ² -10 ³ cfu/100 mL	10 ² -10 ³ cfu/100 mL	10 ² -10 ³ cfu/100 mL
Total coliforms	103-104 cfu/100 mL	10 ³ -10 ⁴ cfu/100 mL	10 ³ -10 ⁴ cfu/100 mL



Table 1. Typical Residential Wastewater Flows per Person Per Day¹

(40 to 70 gal/person/day, gpcd)

Source	Percent Daily Flow, %	Avg. Flow, gpcd
Dark water		
Toilets	26.7	14.2
Dishwasher	1.4	0.75
Kitchen sink w/grinder	1.1	0.6
Gray water		
Faucets	14.5	7.7
Clothes washer	21.8	11.6
Shower	16.8	8.9
Bath	1.7	0.9
Other domestic	2.3	1.2
Leakage	13.7	7.3
Adapted from EPA 2002, M	Metcalf & Eddy 4 th Ed, WERF 2006,	EPA Design Manual Onsite Wastewa
Treatment and Disposal (19	980):	
Typical usage per person =	53 gpcd ±	

Typical household usage per 3 to 5 occupants = 150 to 250 gpd/household

Greywater: 71% of 53 gpcd = 37.6 gpcd



1501.1.1 Allowable Use of Alternate Water. Where approved or required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, alternate water sources [reclaimed (recycled) water, grey water, and on-site treated nonpotable gray water] shall be permitted to be used instead of potable water for the applications identified in this chapter.



1501.7 Minimum Water Quality Requirements [BSC-CG, HCD 1, DWR]. The minimum water quality for alternate water source systems shall meet the applicable water quality requirements for the intended application as determined by the Authority Havin Jurisdiction. *Water quality requirements for on-site treated nonpotable greywater shall comply with Section 1506.9.2. Recycled water shall comply with the water quality requirements of Section 1505.14.*



1506.0 On-Site Treated Nonpotable Gray Water Systems. 1506.1 General. The provisions of this section shall apply to the installation, construction, alteration, and repair of on-site treated nonpotable gray water systems intended to supply uses such as water closets, urinals, trap primers for floor drains and floor sinks, above and belowground irrigation, and other uses approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.



1506.9.2 Minimum Water Quality [BSC-CG, HCD1]. On-

site treated nonpotable gray water supplied to toilets or urinals or for other uses in which it is sprayed or exposed shall be disinfected. Acceptable disinfection methods shall include chlorination, ultraviolet sterilization, ozone, or other methods approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. The minimum water quality for on-site treated nonpotable gray water systems shall meet the applications as determined by the public health Authority Having Jurisdiction. In the absence of local water quality requirements for on-site treated nonpotable gray water, the requirements of NSF 350 shall apply.



1506.9.5 Required Filters. A filter permitting the passage of particulates no larger than 100 microns (100 μ m) shall be provided for on-site treated nonpotable gray water supplied to water closets, urinals, trap primers, and drip irrigation systems.



1503.8.3 Daily Discharge. Gray water systems using tanks shall be designed to minimize the amount of time gray water is held in the tank and shall be sized to distribute the total amount of estimated gray water on a daily basis.

Exception: Approved on-site treated nonpotable gray water systems.



NSF 350

TABLE 1 SCOPE OF NSF/ANSI STANDARDS 350 AND 350-1

NSF	ANSI Standard 350: On-site Residential and Commercial Water Reuse Treatment Systems
Building Types	Residential, up to 1,500 gallons per day Commercial, more than 1,500 gallons per day and all capacities of commercial laundry water
Influent Types	Combined black and graywater Graywater Bathing water only Laundry water only
Effluent Uses	Nonpotable applications, such as surface and subsurface irrigation and toilet and urinal flushing
Ratings	 Two classifications that vary slightly in effluent quality: Class R: single-family residential Class C: multifamily and commercial Systems are further described based on the type of influent (combined, graywater, bathing only, laundry only).
NSF/ANSI Standa	rd 350-1: On-site Residential and Commercial Graywater Treatment Systems for Subsurface Discharge
Building Types	Residential, up to 1,500 gallons per day Commercial, more than 1,500 gallons per day and all capacities of commercial laundry water
Influent Types	Combined black and graywater Graywater Bathing water only Laundry water only
Effluent Uses	Subsurface irrigation only
Ratings	Single effluent quality with no classifications



NSF 350

Parameter	Class R		Class C	
	Overall test average	Single sample maximum	Overall test average	Single sample maximum
CBOD, (mg/L)	10	25	10	25
TSS (mg/L)	10	30	10	30
Turbidity (NTU)	5	10	2	5
E. coli ² (MPN/100 mL)	14	240	2.2	200
pH (SU)	6-9	NA ¹	6-9	NA
Storage vessel disinfection (mg/L) ³	≥0.5–≤2.5	NA	≥0.5–≤2.5	NA
Color	MR ⁴	NA	MR	NA
Odor	Non-offensive	NA	Non-offensive	NA
Oily film and foam	Non-detectable	Non-detectable	Non-detectable	Non-detectable
Energy consumption	MR	NA	MR	NA

TABLE 6 SUMMARY OF DRAFT NSF STANDARD 350 EFFLUENT CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATIONS

From the California Plumbing Code, Section 1601.7 "for onsite nonpotable treated greywater systems the requirements of NSF350 shall apply."



Cedar Springs Apartments – Laverne, CA



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Cedar Springs Apartments – Laverne, CA









AX-Max 075-14







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Harvest Village – Napa, CA



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AdvanTeX Greywater Typical Cost

Unit	Sg Ft	Flow	List	Per Gallon List	Installed	Per Gallon Ins
AX25RTUV	25	1000 gpd	\$15,000	\$15.00	\$24,000	\$24.00
AX-Max 75-14	75	3,000 gpd	\$45,000	\$15.00	\$72,000	\$24.00
AX-Max 125-21	125	5,000 gpd	\$83,000	\$16.60	\$120,000	\$24.00
AX-Max 250-42	250	10,000 gpd	\$121,000	\$12.10	\$173,500	\$17.35
AX-Max 500	500	20,000 gpd	\$197,000	\$9.85	\$281,000	\$14.05



Treatment System Energy Usage

Unit Process	1 MGD Average Flow	5 MGD Average Flow
Attached Growth	630 kWh/MG	580 kWh/MG
Aeration with Nitrification	1080 kWh/MG	1080 kWh/MG
Sequencing Batch Reactors	1090 kWh/MG	1090 kWh/MG
Membrane Bioreactors	2700 kWh/MG	2706 kWh/MG

Energy Intensity Values for Various WWTP Unit Processes (source: EPRI, 2013)



Summary

- Packed bed filter treatment is a cost-effective, energy efficient option for greywater recycling.
- Decentralized wastewater management allows solutions to serve a larger audience and customer base.
- Demand for water recycling continues to grow and an increasing number of successful water reuse projects prove that recycling can be done safely at smaller scales.