

Town of Gawler Wastewater (Septic) Systems in Rural Areas



Many properties in Gawler's rural areas such as Kudla and Hillier are not connected to a sewer system. Therefore these properties require wastewater systems to dispose of liquid waste from the kitchen, laundry, bathroom & toilet.

Wastewater systems may be either:

- a conventional septic system that requires pumping out at least every 4 years by a licensed waste contractor; or
- an aerobic system that is required to be serviced 3 monthly and allow the use of the treated waste water for irrigation, in a set area.

If you own or live on a property that has an existing septic system

If your property has a septic system, following these basic rules will ensure that the system is operating at peak efficiency:

- It is not legal to pump out the tank yourself
- if there an existing pump into the tank this indicates a problem with the system.
- Limit chemical use and ensure that products used are marked as safe for septic systems. Do not use bleach.

How do I apply to install a wastewater system on my property?

The creation of new allotments or any significant dwelling additions in rural areas may require either a new system to be installed, or an increase in capacity of the existing system.

Before installing or upgrading your system you need approval from Council to do so. Application forms are available on Council's website www.gawler.sa.gov.au or at the Council Office.