

Stretch Your Water: Laundry to Landscape Graywater Installation Workshop  
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Did you know, that your washing machine has more than one use? Not only can it wash your clothes, but it can also be used to help you water your landscape. In a demonstration at a local Ashland home, you will be able to see firsthand how you could use the water from your washing machine to water the plants in your yard. This resourceful idea is commonly referred to as, a “Laundry to Landscape” Graywater System.

Graywater systems have become increasingly popular in many states across the country and particularly in the Ashland area. Since DEQ approved the use of graywater in 2012, there have been 31 permits issued in the state of Oregon with 13 of those permits being issued in Ashland.

Because of this large volume of interest from our area, the City’s Conservation Commission partnered with Siskiyou Permaculture and the Southern Oregon Landscape Association to host a workshop on how to build a Laundry to Landscape Graywater System. Karen Taylor of Siskiyou permaculture will be our graywater instructor, and City staff will be there to answer any questions or concerns you have regarding local and state building codes as well as the permitting process.

What will you learn at this workshop? First, if you are not already familiar, we will explain what graywater is and what it can be used for. You will then get to see how a laundry to landscape graywater system is designed and what materials you need to build your own. You will watch it being installed and then get to see how it works to water plants in the yard. The time and materials may vary from house to house, but this will at least give you an idea of what it might take to make the first step towards your laundry to landscape graywater system. Our goal is to provide you with the tools and resources you need to decide whether a graywater system is right for your home.

So, please join us on Saturday September 30, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn how you can install your very own Laundry to Landscape Graywater System! We encourage all landscaper contractors and homeowners to attend. **Landscape contractors will be provided with 3 CEHs.**

Register soon because space is limited. To register, please contact Julie Smitherman at 541-552-2062. To protect the privacy of our homeowner, you will be given the location of the workshop once you register. For more information about graywater, visit the City of Ashland’s graywater page at [www.ashland.or.us/graywater](http://www.ashland.or.us/graywater).