



Plumbing Newsflash

Minimum setback distances for the installation of greywater systems in sewerred areas

Purpose

The purpose of this newsflash is to ensure all plumbers and councils are aware of recommended minimum setback distances required under the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code (QPW Code) for the installation of greywater systems in sewerred areas from 1 March 2006.

Background

Recent feedback from stakeholders indicated that the setback distances contained in Table 2.2 of the QPW Code were insufficient and would make the containment of greywater within premises more difficult to achieve. To address this concern amendments to the QPW Code provide for increased minimum setback distances from buildings, boundaries, swimming pools etc.

Codes/Standards

From 1 March 2006 the QPW Code will replace the *On-site Sewerage Code* and will be called up by the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* (section 8B).

The recommended minimum setback distances set out in Table 2.2 of the QPW Code have been amended as follows-

Feature	Setback Distance ¹ (metres)
Property boundaries, pedestrian paths, and driveways	1.0
Footings of buildings	1.5
Retaining wall footing	1.0
In ground swimming pool surrounds	1.0
In ground potable water tank	6.0
Bores intended for human consumption	30.0

¹ The setback distances are recommended minimum distances. The local government may upon considering the public health and environmental conditions for the particular site increase the distances given in Table 2.2

Interpretation

The setback distances are recommended minimum distances. Individual councils can choose to increase these distances based on the conditions in their area. Councils should inform plumbers and homeowners of any variation to the recommended minimum setback distances.

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