Hydrate Project Series

HYDRATE WITH GREYWATER: DESIGNING YOUR GREYWATER SYSTEM



Step 1: How much greywater does your home produce?

Laundry: gallons per load * loads per week * weeks per year = total Shower: gallons per minute * minutes per shower * showers per week * weeks per year = total

Source	Gallons per minute	Minutes per shower	Gallons per load	Loads/showers per week	Weeks per year	Total gal/yr
Laundry						
Shower						

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Laundry						
Shower						

lotal annual yield from all greywater sources: gallo	ons
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Step 2: How much water do your plants need?

Area = $pi * r^2$ (3.14 * radius of canopy * radius of canopy) Water need = area * conversion factor

Water Use and Conversion Factors

Low water use = conversion factor of 10 Moderate water use = conversion factor of 19 High water use = conversion factor of 28

	Mature size	Area of	Water use	Conversion	Annual
Tree/plant type	(radius of canopy)	canopy	level	factor	water need

Step 3: Designing your home greywater system

Evaluate your site plan and sectors (water, wind, sun, human use) to decide how to plan your greywater system in harmony with permaculture design principles and with your lifestyle.

a)	Are either your shower or washing machine easily accessible to exterior wall?
b)	What kind of greywater system will you use? (outdoor shower, laundry-to-landscape, simple/complex)
c)	Where in your yard will you place your greywater system?Choose the location for your system and draw it into your site plan.
d)	What plants will the greywater support?