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New website makes greywater facts crystal clear

Many household detergents, and laundry and cleaning products have high levels of chemicals that are harmful to plants, wildlife and waterways. With an increasing number of products being promoted as environmentally friendly, a new website is set to help householders maximise the benefits of greywater in their homes and gardens.



Credit: Savewater!® Alliance

Using the framework provided by the Australian Guidelines for Recycled Water, www.greysmart.com.au is based on tests of more than 150 household cleaning products. The website provides recommendations to help consumers choose products that are safe for their gardens and the wider environment, in both the short and long-term.

Products listed on the site, which is hosted by the savewater!® Alliance, are given either a GreySmart 'Garden Friendly' or 'Garden Friendly Use with Care' mark of approval.

The website also offers H2OmeCalc, a web-based calculator that helps people to determine the best mix of water sources – rain, grey, or mains – for their needs, so they can invest in the most appropriate mix of technologies.

The site provides information about various greywater management systems on the market, garden design and management, and facts, figures and costs associated with recycling greywater. Another section provides advice to plumbers designing and installing greywater recycling systems.

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