



Lifting the lid

on sewage systems

LAND APPLICATION AREAS

What is a land application area?

This is a designated area of your yard wherein your domestic waste water can be managed entirely on your property. Waste water can be applied to the designated area through a sub-surface absorption system (with trenches) or through an irrigation system (using sprinklers).

Protecting the environment and your health

The waste water is rich in nutrients and can provide excellent nourishment for flower gardens, lawns, certain shrubs and trees. However, if the land application area is not correctly installed or maintained, it becomes a potential source of water pollution and may also present a health risk.

To prevent these risks it is important to:-

- Engage only suitably qualified people to design and install a land application area
- Plant only vegetation which is tolerant of high water and nutrient loads
- Undertake regular inspections to identify any adverse changes to your application area.
- Fix any problems early



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