

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MRS SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

What educational material is available to assist Queenslanders to make their homes and gardens more water efficient with grey water?

ANSWER:

The Waterwise Queensland program aims to provide Queensland householders with a range of information about establishing and maintaining healthy gardens to help them reduce their demands on the potable water supply.

Domestic greywater is an effective alternative water source to keep gardens and lawns green, especially in times of drought and water restrictions. Greywater is wastewater from the shower, bath, wash basins and laundry. Greywater does not include wastewater from kitchens.

The Department of Natural Resources and Water has recently re-released a key publication that provides householders with information on how to responsibly use greywater in their gardens. The updated *Waterwise Queensland: Gardening with greywater* booklet provides a wealth of advice and helpful tips on safely using greywater in the garden.

The booklet explains how to effectively recycle household greywater and provides details about how much water to use on the garden to get the best results. The booklet also provides guidance on the types of plants which are and are not tolerant of greywater.

This publication is being distributed through the lifestyle horticulture industry, and is also available on my department's website at: www.nrw.qld.gov.au/water/saverscheme/pdf/greywater_brochure_complete.pdf.

The *Gardening with greywater* booklet is just one of a series of information products that is available from my department to assist householders to use Waterwise gardening methods.
