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Part 1 Purpose

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations are to provide provisions for the “hand watering” of residential gray water; to provide for regulations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Title 31-3-5.2 provides authority to the county board of health for these regulations.

Part 2 Definition

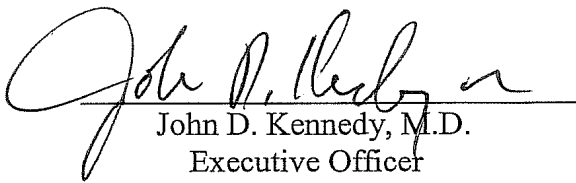
- (a) GRAY WATER means waste water generated from residential lavatories, bathtubs, showers, clothes washers, and laundry trays.

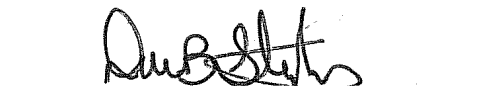
Part 3 General Provisions

- (1) Private residential direct reuse of gray water shall be lawful if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) Gray water originating from the residence shall be used and contained within the property boundary for household gardening, composting, lawn watering, or landscape irrigation;
 - (b) Gray water shall not be used for irrigation of food plants;
 - (c) The gray water shall not contain hazardous chemicals derived from activities such as cleaning car parts, washing greasy or oily rags, or disposing of waste solutions from home photo labs or similar hobbyist or home occupational activities;
 - (d) The application of gray water shall be managed to minimize standing water on the surface;
 - (e) The application of gray water shall be outside of a floodway;
 - (f) The gray water shall not contain water used to wash diapers or similarly soiled or infectious garments unless the gray water is disinfected before irrigation; and
 - (g) The gray water shall be applied only by hand watering using garden watering cans or similar hand-held containers.
- (2) Gray water piped to the exterior of a dwelling and not disposed of by public sewer may only be used for subsurface irrigation of landscapes provided that the system is permitted, inspected, approved and maintained in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for On-Site Sewage Management Systems.

Part 4 Enforcement

The enforcement and administration of this rule shall be in accordance with O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-5, O.C.G.A. entitled "Administration and Enforcement".


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These Rules and Regulations to become effective thirty (30) days after the date of approval by the Cobb County Board of Health.