

# SENATE BILL 854

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Graywater Systems – Public and Private Buildings – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of a certain graywater system to serve a public or  
4 private building in certain locations under certain circumstances; requiring the  
5 owner or operator of a building using a graywater system to safely dispose of  
6 graywater in a certain manner; and generally relating to graywater systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–1112.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **9–1112.1.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) (I) “GRAYWATER” MEANS UNTREATED WATER GENERATED BY**  
19 **THE USE OF AND COLLECTED FROM A HANDWASHING SINK.**

20 **(II) “GRAYWATER” DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER FROM:**

21 **1. A SHOWER;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                                   **2. A TOILET;**
- 2                                   **3. A BATHTUB;**
- 3                                   **4. A LAVATORY SINK;**
- 4                                   **5. A KITCHEN SINK; OR**
- 5                                   **6. A DISHWASHING MACHINE.**

6                   **(3) “GRAYWATER SYSTEM” MEANS:**

7                                   **(I) A HOLDING TANK CONNECTED TO A HANDWASHING SINK**  
8 **AND A THREE-COMPARTMENT SANITATION SINK USED TO COLLECT AND STORE**  
9 **GRAYWATER; AND**

10                                  **(II) A HOLDING TANK USED TO COLLECT AND STORE POTABLE**  
11 **WATER.**

12                                  **(4) “HANDWASHING SINK” MEANS A SINK USED FOR HANDWASHING**  
13 **ONLY.**

14                   **(B) A GRAYWATER SYSTEM MAY BE USED TO SERVE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE**  
15 **BUILDING THAT:**

16                                  **(1) IS LOCATED ON A FORMER DREDGE SITE; OR**

17                                  **(2) (I) IS LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA WITH MINIMAL PUBLIC**  
18 **ACCESS; AND**

19                                  **(II) OPERATES ON A SEASONAL BASIS.**

20                   **(C) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A BUILDING AUTHORIZED TO USE A**  
21 **GRAYWATER SYSTEM UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SAFELY**  
22 **DISPOSE OF THE GRAYWATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY GUIDELINES OR**  
23 **REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**  
24 **HEALTH, OR A FEDERAL AGENCY.**

25                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2022.