

# How to Handle Wastewater Treatment at a Remote Glamping Venue

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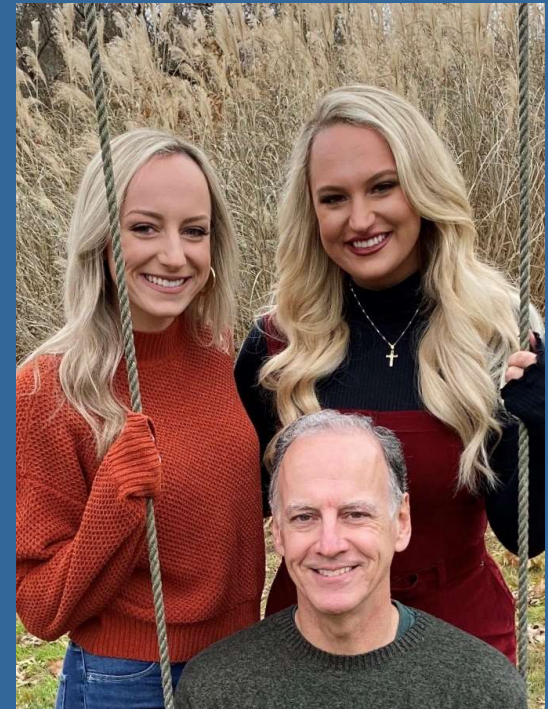
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# Agenda

- **Intro to Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems**
- **What to do if you can't reach a municipal sewer connection?**

# Company Background



**INFILTRATOR®**  
water technologies







**One-third of  
new homes  
built in the U.S.  
use onsite wastewater  
treatment systems**





# Traditional Gravel and Pipe System





# Traditional vs. Infiltrator Chambers

**Traditional Leachfield System**



**Key Benefits Driving Conversion**

- ✓ Improved infiltration performance and volume capacity results in footprint reductions of up to 40%
- ✓ Significant benefits to contractor – rapid installation time, lower labor and machinery cost, and more control on timing
- ✓ Increased regulatory acceptance
- ✓ Environmental and cost benefits

**Infiltrator Leachfield System**



**Significant Environmental Benefits of Decentralized vs. Centralized Systems**



# Wastewater Treatment Approaches



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Centralized (Municipal WWTP)

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Onsite Individual Septic

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Decentralized



# Decentralized Wastewater Treatment

- The collection, treatment, and dispersal of wastewater at or near its point of origin
- An alternative to conventional gravity sewers, force mains, lift stations and Wastewater Treatment Plants



## Decentralized Benefits:

- Water reuse
- Lower life-cycle cost
- Build on land not accessible to public sewer infrastructure
- Phased construction



Decentralized



Collection

Treatment

Dispersal

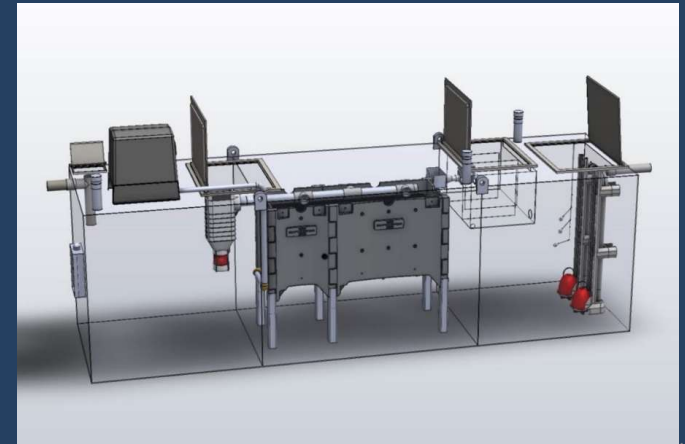


# 1. Collection

- **Gravity, shallow pressure sewer or vacuum system**
- **System must be watertight**

## 2. Onsite Treatment:

- -Primary Treatment & Dispersal?
- -Advanced Treatment with FBBR, MBR, MBBR, Extended Aeration, Sand Filters, Etc





# Decentralized System design may include septic tanks

The septic tank offers primary treatment:

- Reduces BOD
- Reduces TSS
- Reduces FOG



### 3. Dispersal

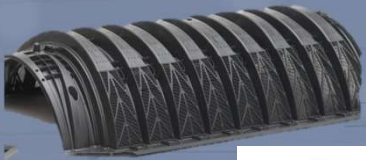
**Dispersal (drainfields, spray or drip irrigation, recharge wells, etc)**

**Soil Application Rate is function of soil properties, GWT, local & state codes**



# Subsurface Dispersal Systems

Chambers /  
Synthetic  
Aggregate  
Systems



Low Pressure  
Pipe Systems



Drip Dispersal  
Systems





### 3. Dispersal

**\* Direct discharge into surface waters is an option, but the wastewater effluent must be disinfected and the system will likely need to be permitted.**



## **Hire a local Civil Engineering firm who specializes in Land Development**

- Surveying crew?
- Experts in site design & permitting
- May offer construction management if needed

**Individual septic? S.T.E.P. (septic tank effluent pump)?  
Subsurface discharge? Direct discharge?**



Dispersal System located in a central area

# Collection system to a WW Treatment Plant?



Package Plants



# Collection system to an ECOPOD?



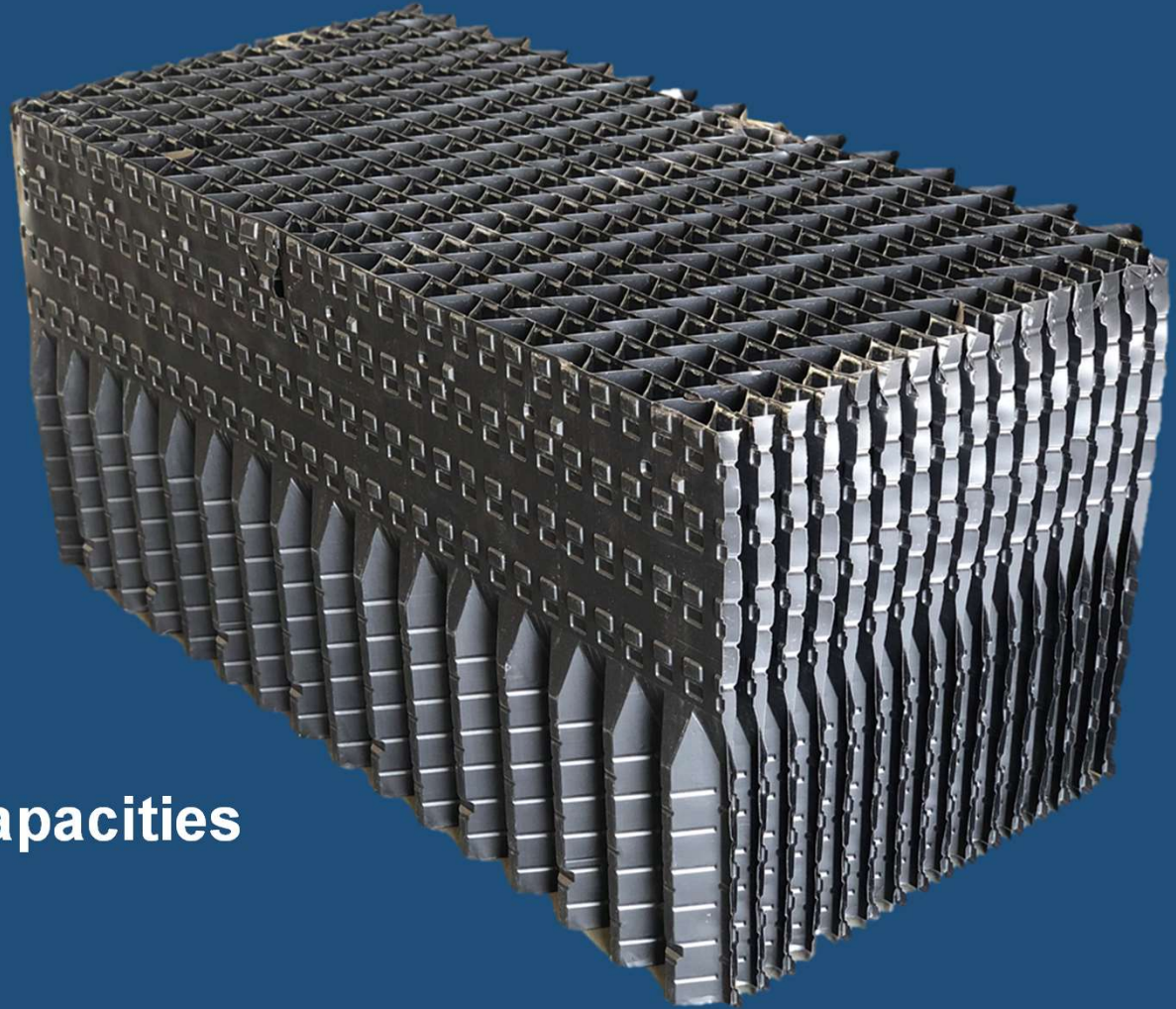
# ECOPOD Media

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Vertical  
Fixed Film

## Removal Capacities

- BOD<sub>5</sub>
- TSS
- Ammonia





# Tank Options



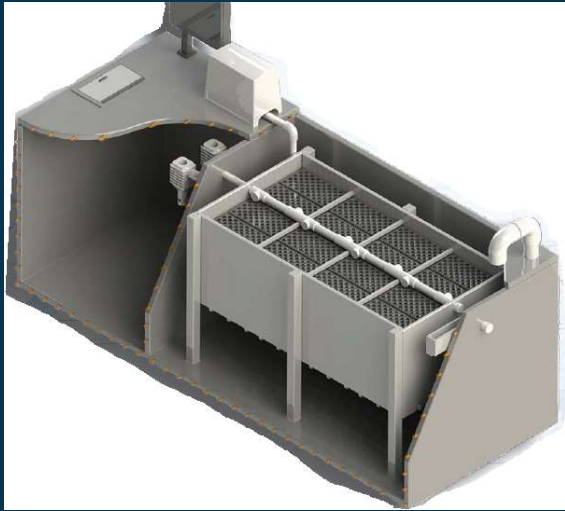
Precast Concrete



Fiberglass



Cast-in-place Concrete



## **ECOPOD Project Example: Joshua Tree AutoCamp**



# Project Profile – Beyonders Campground, Iowa



- Oxford, IA
- 10,000 GPD Plant
- NH<sub>3</sub> Limit: 1.2 mg/L
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- Seasonal Application

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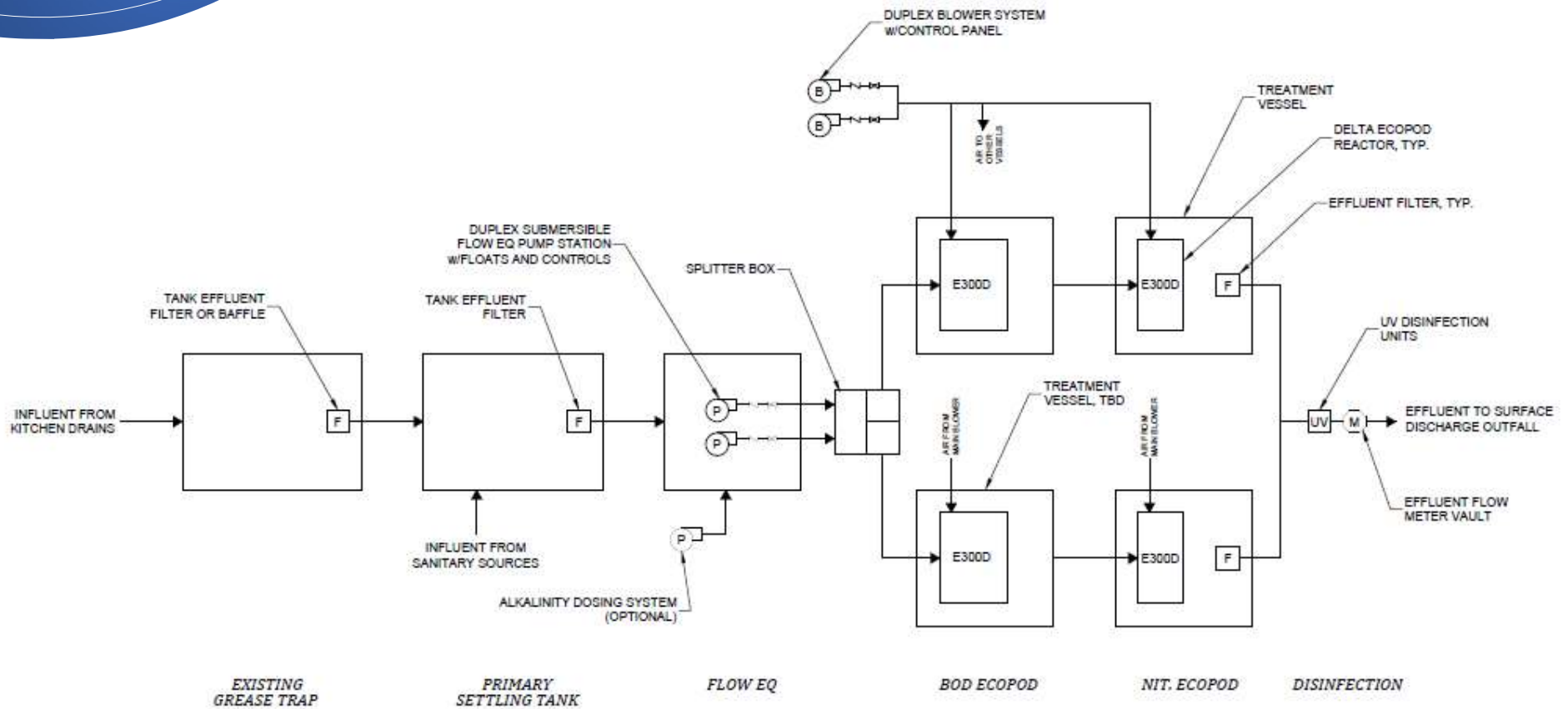
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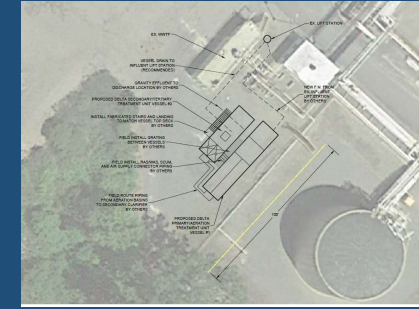
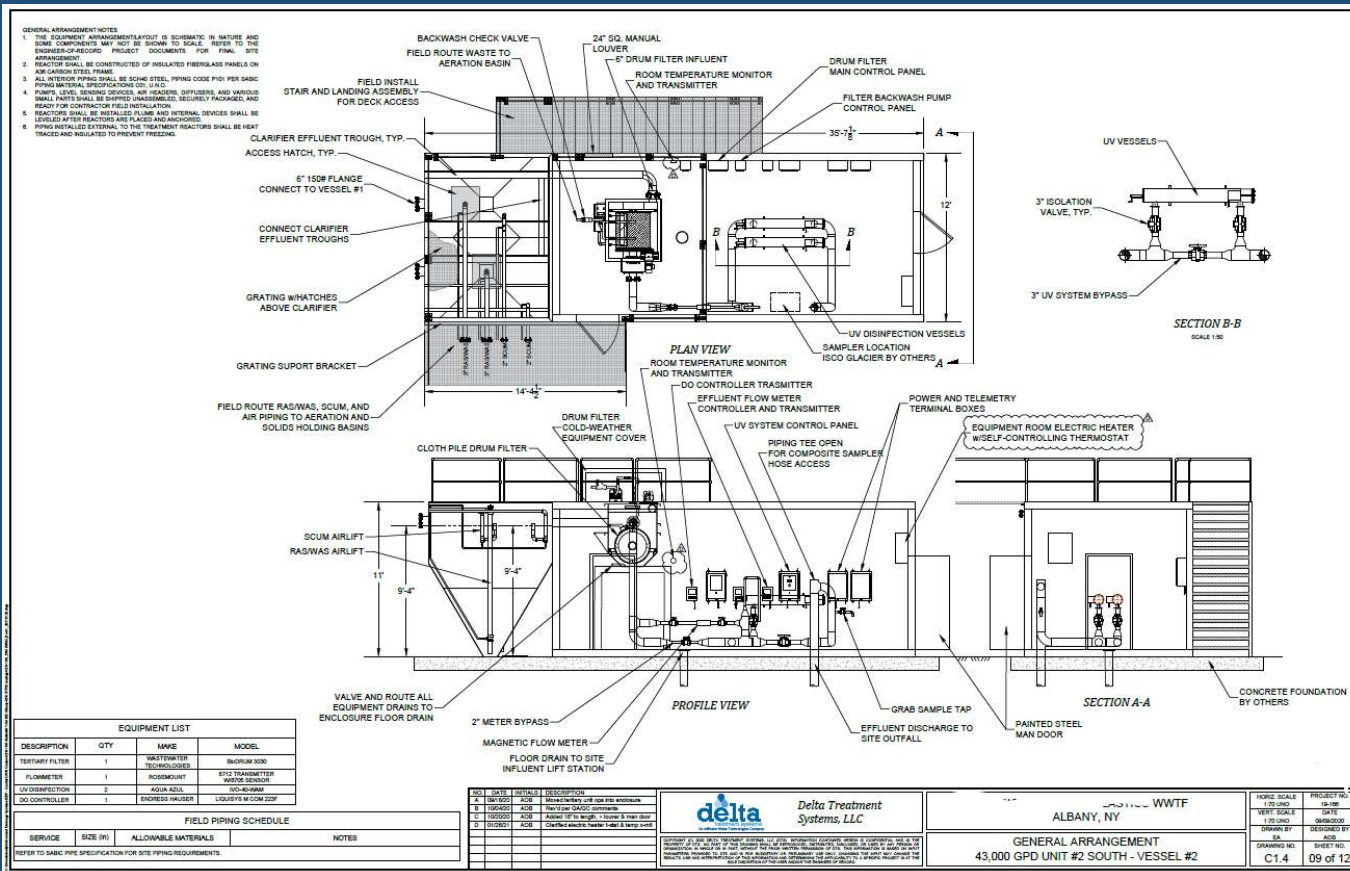
# Civil Engineering

# Process Diagram





# General Arrangement Drawing



- Central NY
- 65,000 GPD
- Two Phases
- 4 Treatment Vessels



What is coming into the system?

What can leave the system?

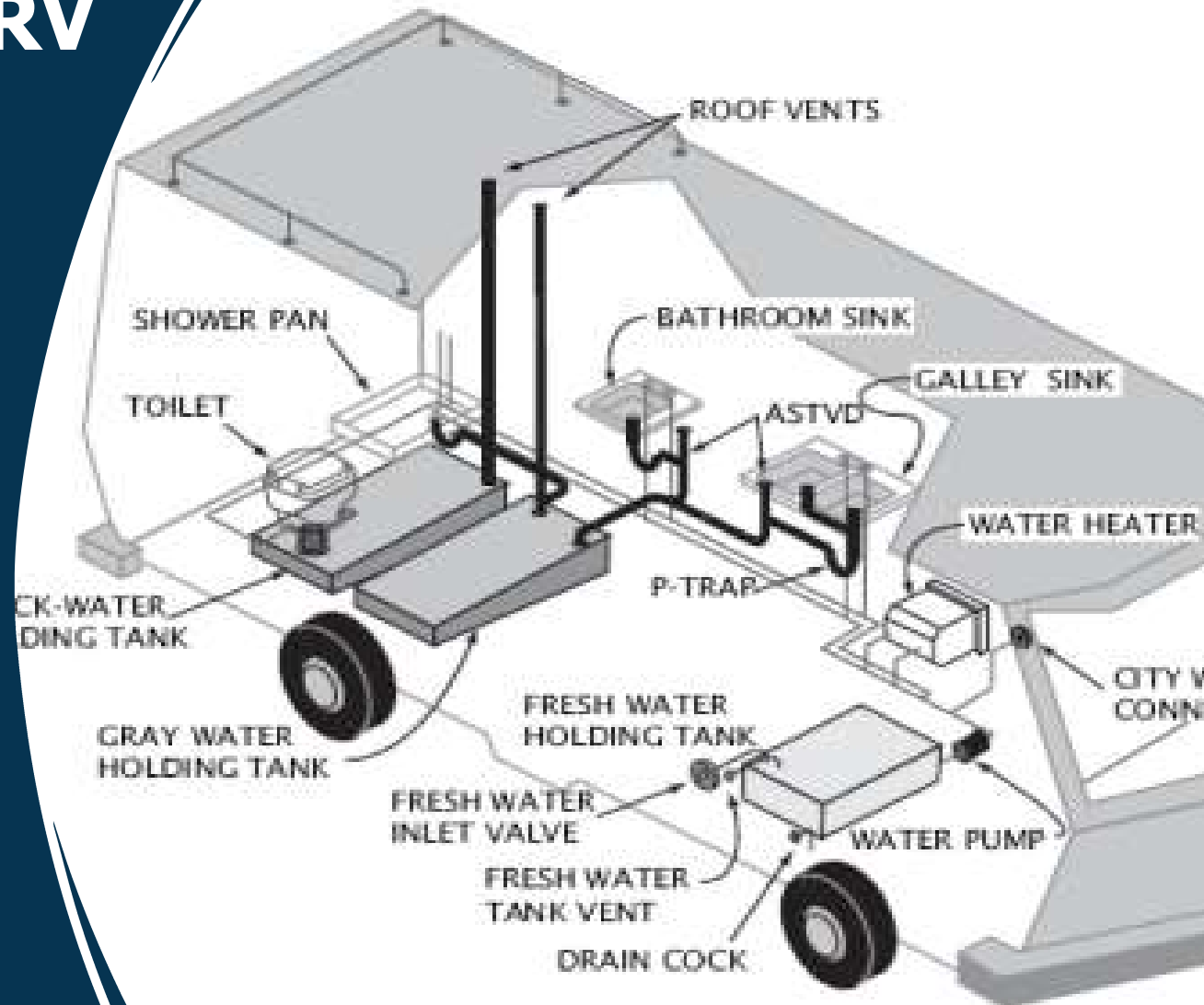
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## Glamping venue WW Strength and Flow Rates vary widely



# Water Use in an RV


Low Water Use =  
Higher Strength  
Wastewater





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Civil Engineering firm

## Design & Quote Request Form



### Design and Quote Request Form

Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Dispersal

**Project Information**

Date:  Respond by Date:  ☐ Additional Info Available (Site Plans, Specs, Permit, etc.)

Project Name:

Proj. Address:  City:  State:  Zip Code:

Design Stage:  Deliverable Requested:

Installation Type:  Tank Construction:

Collection System:  Effluent Discharge/Dispersal Type:

Influent Flow:  Effluent Flow:

Influent Pump Type:  Effluent Pumps:

Dispersal Area Available:  Soil Texture:  Perc Rate:  Loading Rate:  Soil Depth:  in

**Wastewater Source**

☐ Res./Subdivision ☐ Food & Bev. ☐ Brewery/Winery ☐ RV/Campground ☐ School ☐ Industrial ☐ Other (specify):

**Project Notes / Description**

**Wastewater Data** (please provide as much wastewater data as possible) ☐ Data is assumed or projected

DATE OF SAMPLE:

SAMPLE TYPE: ☐ Grab Sample ☐ Composite Sample SPECIFY SAMPLE LOCATION: ☐ Raw Influent ☐ Settled Influent

Design Average Flow (ADF):  GPD  GPM Design Maximum Day Flow:  GPD  GPM

**PARAMETERS** (Design Concentrations Based on ADF):

	Influent	Effluent Requirement
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Oil and Grease (O&G)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Alkalinity (ALK) as Calcium Carbonate	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Total Nitrogen (TN)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Total Phosphorus (TP)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
Disinfection: <input type="checkbox"/> E. Coll. <input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Coll. <input type="checkbox"/> Total Coll.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> N/100mL
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> mg/L
pH Range	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> S.U.
Min. Influent Water Temperature:	<input type="text"/> degF	Power: <input type="text"/> Ph <input type="text"/> VAC <input type="text"/> Hz Elevation: <input type="text"/> ft ASL
Min. Seasonal Air Temperature:	<input type="text"/> degF	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Flow Devices <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage disposals <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Portable Dump Sta.
Max Seasonal Air Temperature:	<input type="text"/> degF	Seasonal Flows <input type="text"/> Please Specify: <input type="text"/>

**Product(s) Requested**

Collection & Dispersal Products: ☐ Inf./Eff. Pump Stations ☐ ECOFILTER ☐ IWT Chambers ☐ EZflow ☐ ATL ☐ AES ☐ ECOORIP

Treatment Products: ☐ Whitewater ATU ☐ ECOPOD ☐ Extended Aeration Package Plant ☐ AES (CTD)

**Process Components**

Process Req'd: ☐ Primary ☐ Flow EQ ☐ Sludge Holding ☐ Chlor. ☐ Dechlor. ☐ UV ☐ Flow Metering ☐ Filtration

**Contact Information**


Name:  E-Mail:

Company:  Phone:

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**The IWT Commercial Wastewater Team**

**Our Goal is identical to your Civil Engineer's Goal:**

**Find the solution that best meets the needs of the project, at a reasonable cost.**



**Hire a local Civil Engineering firm who specializes in Land Development**

- Challenge them !

(glamping venues may be new to them)



## Handling Wastewater

### Overall Considerations:

- Use gravity when possible (look at the contours)
- Minimize earthmoving costs
- Consider frost depth, temperature range, elevation on a treatment system
- Think through piping types for moving influent, air and effluent; Soil types and the impacts
- Slab or no slab? At grade or above grade?
- Impact of tanks in live load areas
- O & M requirements and availability of a qualified operator, if needed
- Noise levels (owner input)
- Permitting challenges to be expected
- Footprint of Treatment and Dispersal areas



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