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Drought – Increased demand on the clean water supply.

ARE WE DOING RIGHT BY DOMESTIC WATER?

Water, water everywhere and not much of it is safe to drink. We use it and abuse it. Our lives revolve around it. We drink it, prepare our food with it, we clean with it, we clean ourselves in it, we grow our food with it and we **love** to play in it. The facts are: without clean water we die, our world dies. In survival value it has no equal; as a commodity it is priceless.

Oil, petroleum and gas all have alternatives that can substitute for our energy and transportation needs. Water has no alternative. Yet little focus is placed on its wasteful disregard. What I believe is right not just for today but for every tomorrow to come. Now is the time for others to champion this cause. We are ready for the next phase in home conservation; we are beyond the low flow thing. Now is the time for gray water. Gray water recycling systems in all new or renovated homes. It's a no-brainer! After all 75 years ago *outhouses* were the norm, and so was the *slop bucket*. We have the tools and must **do it now**.

Nine reasons for using gray water:

1. Water is a precious and scarce resource. It should not be removed from the ecosystem to be treated as sewage
2. Manufacturing of potable water is resource costly.
3. How much and what are we removing during treatment?
4. There are 2 kinds of wastewater, gray water and black water. Mixing gray and black water and treating all wastewater as black is wasteful. Currently this is how it is processed in wastewater treatment plants.
5. Gray water is easily cleaned for re-use. (Not as potable water.)
6. Watering gardens and lawns, and flushing toilets do not require potable water.
7. Human ingested chemicals, antibiotics, and other toxins are not broken down or removed from treated sewage.
8. Treated sewage becomes someone else's source: FISH, ANIMALS, BIRDS, ECOSYSTEMS, AND INDEED HUMANS.
9. One of the tools: ENVIROSINK® is a cost effective alternative to dumping clean water down the drain, *only to be treated as sewage*.

My name is Ib V. Andersen, inventor of the Envirosink® - a water saving device. Envirosink is a secondary sink that allows some catchment of water at the kitchen sink. Please visit www.envirosink.com for further details. I will take the liberty of contacting you again. In the interim, I would be pleased to answer any questions or discuss any comments you may have. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.