Onsite Wastewater Management - Quick Checklist

Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems (A.W.T.S)		Yes	No
1.	Do you have a current service agreement with a wastewater treatment service contractor or technician?		
2.	Is your surface irrigation spray hose a suitable and approved irrigation hose and not a conventional garden/green hose and is connected to wastewater treatment system?		
3.	Is the surface irrigation hose located in the nominated irrigation area only?		
4.	Is the surface irrigation hose connected to a minimum of 4 sprinklers?		
5.	Do the sprinklers produce a coarse droplet spray with no misting or aerosol and have a maximum plume height of 800 mm above the ground surface?		
6.	Are the sprinklers durable, long wearing and installed in such a manner as to ensure that they are not easily damaged?		
7.	Is the irrigation area maintained (grass regularly cut or mowed) preventing excessive long grass and kept clear of foreign debris/material and discarded objects (human-made objects/debris).		
8.	Is there a minimum of two warning signs in place for each wastewater treatment system? For example -		
	 a. 1 sign located on the treatment system b. 1 sign located in each of the nominated irrigation areas. The warning signs shall state the following: "RECLAIMED EFFLUENT IN THIS LOCATION 		
	DO NOT DRINK, AVOID CONTACT"		
	(green sign, white writing, capital letters 2-3 cm high) Signs area available from you wastewater service ontractor/technician		
9.	Is the irrigation area fenced off and maintained/used only for irrigation purposes only?		
10.	Do you keep livestock (horses, cattle, goats, sheep etc) out of the irrigation area while the area is being irrigated with the treated wastewater?		
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1b.	by a wastewater collection company? When was this last completed?		
2.	Is the absorption trench/evapo-transpiration bed maintained (grass regularly cut or mowed) preventing excessive long green grass and promoting evaporation and transpiration processes to occur?		
3.	Are the absorption trench or evapo-transpiration beds fenced off from animals or machinery (preventing compaction of soils)?		
4.	Do you keep livestock (horses, cattle, goats, sheep etc) out of the irrigation area (absorption trenches / evapo-transpiration beds)?		

If you have answered **NO** to any of these questions you should contact Council's Environmental Health Officers - Sewage Management for advice on changing your practices.

What do Council inspections involve?

The process for an existing onsite sewage management system is below:

- o You will be notified by mail when our officers are in your area
- A Council officer will inspect your system
- o Your system will receive a rating based on the risk high, medium or low
- o If there are no operating problems you will be given approval to operate (licence)
- o If your system is failing you will be asked to obtain a waste water report
- o A follow up inspection will occur every 1 to 3 years depending upon your rating.

For more information on maintaining your system or on Council's inspection program please phone 1300 36 2170 or visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

