# Wave goodbye to water pollution

Advice for motorhome and campervan users on waste water disposal



All you need to know about disposing of waste water to help protect the oceans, beaches, lakes and wildlife.

### **Chemical toilet waste**

Did you know that if you do not dispose of your toilet waste (black waste) correctly it will end up polluting waterways, including rivers and seas?

Pouring any waste down drainage grates can mean it enters the sea directly and causes contamination. This affects water quality, harms wildlife and can ruin our lovely beaches, lakes and rivers.

Never pour toilet waste into streams, undergrowth or down drainage grates.

## Here are some tips to help you dispose of your waste properly...

- Use septic tank-friendly cleaning products. Details of what this means can be found online.
- It is against the law to dump your sewage into the environment. Please help us look after this local area for the community and wildlife that lives here.

Seek local campsites that offer a chemical disposal point drop-in service (for a small fee). Details of these sites can be found online.

#### **Grey water**

Used water that goes down the sink when you are brushing your teeth or having a shower is known as waste water, or grey water. This water isn't as harmful as black waste, but it's still important that it's disposed of correctly. To help wildlife, try and use environmentally friendly bathroom and kitchen products where you can. Look out for products made from plants and without phosphorous.

You should empty your grey water in designated service spots only. If you tip it into the environment, it won't be treated. This means it could contain contaminants that affect wildlife and water quality. Details of service spots can be found online.

#### **Fresh water**

Make sure you only fill your freshwater tank from taps that are labelled for drinking water.

Keep your fresh water hose away from mud, or anything else that could contaminate your tank.

Don't forget - only flush the 3P's - pee, poo and paper.

Don't put sanitary pads, tampons or wet wipes down your loo.



#### Top tip for pet owners

Make sure you pick up dog waste, especially if it's on a beach or near a river. The dog waste can be very harmful for local water courses.

#### Find out more at: www.lovemybeach.org