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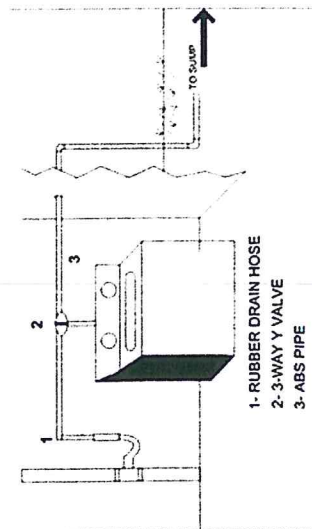
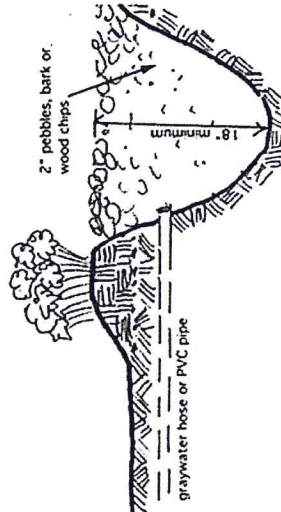
Quick Greywater Fix for the Drought

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As we all know, the current drought has lasted for the last five years. We all hope El Nino will bring lots of rain in the winter, but even if that happens, the decrease in ground water, lakes and streams, will take more than one year to recover. This is a great time for you to do your part toward creating a more sustainable landscape. A landscape partially irrigated by greywater. Below I will show you an easy greywater conversion for your washing machine, it is easy, does not require a permit, and will give you a chance to reuse your wash water to maintain your garden.

Step two: Create mulch basins in areas where plants are located.

Step three: connect new drain pipe from washing machine to irrigation pipes that connect to mulch basins.



Step one:

Add a three-way valve to the washing machine drain line, and add plastic pipe to one side of the valve to lead to the outside of the house.

Step four: Enjoy your garden!

During the winter, with less sunlight and more rain, you should switch your washing machine back to the regular house sewer from time to time. Just check your garden for signs of overwatering. Also, wash water is basic so plant selection should not include acid-loving plants.

For further information about Greywater please visit:
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