

Rules for releasing wastewater from your vessel into **INLAND WATERS**



**There are new rules for releasing
greywater and blackwater into SA waters.
These rules are different for vessels
on marine or inland waters.**

For more details on what you need to do
to protect our inland waterways from
wastewater pollution, check out the
Code of Practice for Vessel and Facility
Management (marine and inland waters).

For more information
visit www.epa.sa.gov.au/vfm
or call (08) 8204 2004
or 1800 623 445



New rules for vessels on inland waters

The EPA recommends that unless you can treat your greywater on board, you should contain it on your vessel until you can dispose of it properly on land. The South Australian Government has provided 13 public waste disposal stations, for both water and solid wastes, along the 650 km of the River Murray in South Australia. These stations can accept both greywater and blackwater. There are also a number of private waste disposal stations along the River Murray, as well as contractors who can also provide a pump-out service for a fee.

The new rules for wastewater discharge on inland waters are as follows:

BLACKWATER

Zero discharge of **blackwater** has applied on South Australian inland waters since 1976.

All **blackwater** must be contained and disposed of at an approved River Vessel Waste Disposal Facility.

GREYWATER

Effective for recreational vessels as of 1 January 2011.

Owners of vessels with a single galley, hand basin and shower, where it is structurally impractical to install a containment or treatment system (eg cruisers), are required to:

- Install a grease trap for galley waste, and an inline strainer where practical.
- Install in-line strainers for all other **greywater** production facilities.

They should also adopt environmentally friendly practices (eg use low flow showerheads).

Owners of vessels with a single galley, hand basin and shower, where it is structurally practical to install a containment or treatment systems (eg small houseboats/cruisers), are required to:

- Contain or treat galley waste.
- Install in-line strainers for all other **greywater** production facilities.

They should also adopt environmentally friendly practices (eg scrape food scraps into a bin).

Owners of permanently occupied and commercial vessels, or vessels with multiple bathrooms, ensuites or showers, and/or dishwashers, washing machines, spas are required to:

- Contain or treat all **greywater** produced onboard the vessel.

They should also adopt environmentally friendly practices (eg use biodegradable detergents).

For more information on any of these rules, including the treatment standards, see the Code of Practice for Vessel and Facility Management (marine and inland waters) at www.epa.sa.gov.au/codes or call the EPA on **(08) 8204 2004** or **1800 623 445**.