

# Los Angeles Times | ENVIRONMENT

LOCAL U.S. WORLD BUSINESS SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT HEALTH LIVING TRAVEL OPINION DEALS Weekly Ad

L.A. NOW POLITICS CRIME EDUCATION O.C. WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS ENVIRONMENT OBITUARIES FINDLOCAL

IN THE NEWS: SERENA WILLIAMS | BUSH-LAUREN WEDDING | OBAMA POLL | AMANDA KNOX | 9/11 | U.S. OPEN

## Greenspace

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND

« Previous | Greenspace Home | Next »

### California says yes to recycled water

September 1, 2011 | 2:57 pm

Tweet 59 Comments 4 Recommend 233



The state Senate today passed a [bill allowing so-called graywater systems](#) in homes and commercial buildings.

The bill, AB 849, is aimed at clarifying a patchwork of local regulation that has at times prohibited these "non-potable water reuse systems," which divert drain water for irrigation and other purposes.

If signed by the governor, the new state law would prohibit local jurisdictions from banning graywater systems, which have gained popularity as more municipalities face restrictions on fresh water. It would allow those jurisdictions to enact stricter graywater standards than those of the state only if they provide climatic, geographic and topographic reasons for the tougher regulations.

The state adopted [uniform rules for installing graywater systems](#) in 2009, according to an analysis of the bill, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Los Angeles).

The Assembly already has approved the bill.

**ALSO:**

[BPA ban passes California state Senate](#)

#### L.A. Times on Facebook

Like 114K


Create an account or **log in** to see what your friends are recommending.

**What does Labor Day stand for?**  
1,288 people recommend this.

**Texas wildfires: More than 1,000 homes lost, thousands evacuated**  
169 people recommend this.

advertisement

#### In Case You Missed It...

 **Boomers' kids can't count on inheriting**

 **Obama warns GOP in advance of jobs speech**

 **Suicide should have scrapped 'Housewives'**

Photos: Inside the Kadafi family homes