This twentieth-anniversary edition of the world’s best-selling greywater book features a dozen more pages, complete information on the Laundry to Landscape system, new colorplates, extensive revisions to every page, and dozens of new photos and figures.

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**Customer Reviews**

Having used Art Ludwig’s previous edition of "Create an Oasis with Greywater" as the bible of the greywater movement, I was excited to see the additional information and insights in this newest, 6th edition. Mr. Ludwig has expanded the book to include more about integrated design for water conservation, as it is sub-titled. This book comes out of Art’s continual exploration and investigation of better, more efficient, and more sustainable greywater systems and includes ways they may be integrated with other water reuse, rainwater harvesting and sustainable landscaping. Mr. Ludwig had not yet developed the Laundry to Landscape system when I bought his 5th edition, printed in 2006. In the meantime, L2L has become probably the most frequently installed greywater system in the world. It is currently the only greywater system that can be installed without a permit in the state of CA, as long as eleven basic conditions are followed.  

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=154562 The addition of the information on Laundry to landscape is reason enough to buy this book. Figure 7.5: Laundry to landscape system takes up a full two pages, and is easy to read and very detailed. It shows options, locations, sequence and shape of many of the materials for the system, and is an invaluable
The section “Experimental Adaptations for High-Efficiency Washers” is very welcome, since many washers are now HE and their unique characteristics and challenges are important to address. As stated in the introduction, this book has nine times more information as in the first edition. I urge anyone interested in greywater reuse, for their own home or as a professional, to buy this book, even or especially if you have a previous edition of ‘Create an Oasis with Greywater’. It is a must-have resource for a sustainable water future.

I read your book, Create an Oasis with Greywater, just a few months ago during the construction of our tiny cabin. It is packed full of amazing information! Even links to resources for harder to find parts. Reading this book before installing my greywater setup saved me plenty of mistakes, as well as made it easy to get a functional system in place quickly. Everything except the toilet is plumbed for greywater (and we have an outdoor composting toilet for the majority of use), including the kitchen sink. We live in pine country, so I just use pine needles on top of bulkier mulch in a mulch pit, and will eventually be planting my avocado tree on a high island in the middle. So far, we have been using the system for about a month now and I haven’t noticed any smells or issues with the mulch basin, even with food particles from the sink. Overall, I thought it was a fantastic book and so well written. Very easy to understand, and generally a quick read. I highly recommend it to anyone unsure of how to start a greywater setup! Ludwig teaches you how to setup a system as simply or as complicated as you’d like, and explains how to get the most production value out of the water.

I’ve been using the 5th edition for years, which has been immensely helpful to my efforts at creating more sane water re-use options in my home. When the long awaited 6th edition came out, I was happy to have updates on best practices, greater integration of incoming and outgoing water sources, and specifics on how to hook up laundry to landscape with the high efficiency washers that are becoming more prevalent. I’m grateful for the innovators on the forefront of water conservation and reuse for their sustained commitment to providing the most up-to-date information in the most user friendly form possible, which this edition is a clear product of. This edition is essential for anyone who cares about the state of water use and efficient, common sense water use practices.

This is the #1 book that I recommend to my clients who want to make their homes more water-wise. It shows the reader how to assess the climate, soil, and context of your particular site to determine the best sustainable water management techniques to use, and then shows how to install them step by step. This is the revised & expanded edition with new information about integrated design and
I've been doing plumbing for a couple years for a large intentional community, Twin Oaks, in Virginia. Greywater management is something I've been wanting to get into, and this book has been an amazing introduction. As a novice plumber it was super accessible and I can easily see how I could modify existing systems. The fact that it addresses conventional plumbing, building codes in such a comprehensive and integrated way is also a big plus. This isn't something only weird hippies do in illegal ways, this is totally viable and practical, and this book is the best resource out there to get started.

Literally packed with information. It's been a while since I've read a book with so little white space. There's an incredible amount of information here presented in lists, essays, asides, links, and diagrams. The book strikes a great balance between explaining the theory and the science on the one hand and providing easy to follow instructions on the other hand making it great resource for people of a great many skill and experience levels. The book is very obviously the work of experienced tradespeople as it is full of advice and warnings about the multifaceted tradeoffs behind any approach and that come up whenever theory hits the hard unforgiving surface of reality. Diagrams for simple systems like the laundry to landscape system, the mulch basins for new plantings (including fruit trees!), and branched drain distribution were really helpful in making the work of greywater diversion accessible to people in many housing situations. Overall, an incredibly helpful book from an obviously experienced, passionate, and humble tradesperson.

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