

Traditional municipal water supplies are rivers, lakes and groundwater. Alternative water sources for reuse include municipal wastewater or separately diverted wastewater from toilets (blackwater) and showers, sinks and washing machines (greywater), as well as harvested

IMPORTANT TERMS

BLACKWATER: water flushed from toilets and urinals, which represent the major load of organics, nutrients and pathogens, but only 30% of the volume of traditional municipal wastewater.

GREYWATER: all household wastewater other than from toilets (i.e. bathroom sinks, showers, washing machines, etc.).

RAINWATER: rain caught directly from roof surfaces before reaching the ground.