

## Did you know?

Take a look at the our *Sustainable Homes* brochure for more tips on designing or retrofitting your house for sustainability.



# NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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- Send us an enquiry
- Lodge your application (planning approval or building permit)
- Find policies and guidelines

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# TANKS, SOLAR & GREYWATER



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## Do I need approval to put a greywater re-use system on my property?

Greywater re-use systems do not require approval if they meet all of the following standards:

- Used for non-potable (not drinking) purposes
- Department of Health approved system for domestic greywater re-use
- Installed and maintained by a licensed plumber (manufacturers specifications)
- Subject to an annual inspection

## Do I need approval to put a solar panel or battery system on my property?

Solar panel systems for residential use do not need planning approval or a building permit where they are:

- Attached directly to the roof of an existing building
- Installed at an angle that is parallel to the existing roof
- Positioned, designed and coloured to complement the existing building
- For stand-alone or tracking systems, no greater than six metres in height

## Do I need approval to put a water tank on my property?

All water tanks over 5,000 litres require a building permit.

Water tanks that meet all of the following standards don't need planning approval:

- Meet lot boundary setbacks and other standards of the property zoning
- Overflow is contained on the property
- No clearing required and not within 30m of a natural waterway or wetland
- Within the Residential, Special Residential, Special Rural, Professional Office or Landscape Protection zones:
  - Maximum cumulative size of all tanks is 50,000L if a reticulated water service is available, or 140,000L if a reticulated water service is not available.
  - Maximum height of 3.5m above natural ground level (including site works)
  - Not placed between house and street
- Within the Special Residential, Special Rural or Landscape Protection zones:
  - Non-reflective colours/ materials (lightest Colorbond colour is 'Bluegum')
- Within the Rural or Rural Multiple Occupancy zones:
  - Maximum cumulative size of 250,000L

You will need to apply for planning approval if your tanks don't meet these standards, if your property is in another zone not listed here, or if your property is heritage listed.

For more information see [Local Planning Policy 13 - Outbuildings & Water Tanks](#).

