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Clarification

Article on "Going gray" [fall 2023 Dirty Fingernails and All] noted that you need electricity to have a septic system. Not correct. As long as your septic tank is below the building sewer line, which is outside the structure, and the leach field is below the top of the septic tank, then the black water will drain into the leach field [also known as a septic tank drain field] without a pump. Gray water systems should be required everywhere so that additional water can help the growth of all plants, trees, and shrubs. Thank you.

-Rick Friedman, ICC plans examiner

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