

Wastewater affects everyone

Plain talking



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Introduction

Water protection – still one of the most important environmental policy issues of our time – calls on each and every one of us: citizens, wastewater experts and politicians. For it is only through forward-looking measures and targeted commitment that we can ensure our water bodies remain available to future generations as a valuable resource and functioning ecosystem.

Many measures to protect water bodies are already in place. Construction work on seweres and wastewater treatment plants has led to significant improvements; even rivers that were once heavily polluted now once again provide a home for a wide variety of micro-organisms and fish.

But water protection must start with us:

- use household products that pollute water sparingly
- think carefully about when and for what purpose tap water is used

In this brochure, you will learn a great deal about water, the discharge of wastewater and wastewater treatment.

This brochure aims to explain:

- how wastewater is produced
- where it flows
- the effort involved in treating it

You will also find suggestions on how you can actively contribute to protecting our waterways and where to find further information.