

Regular Checks Needed for Wastewater Systems

South Gippsland Shire Council is commencing a program to ensure all wastewater systems in South Gippsland are correctly maintained.

Owners with high risk systems will shortly receive reminder letters to ensure that required maintenance checks are completed and reported to Council.

As a general rule, septic tank and trench systems require checking every three years with septic tank to sand filters checked every year and package treatment plants checked every three months.

The aim of the program is to prevent failures of wastewater systems and the consequent public health risks and environmental damage they can cause.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Environmental Health Coordinator Tim Brown said it was vital that wastewater systems were properly maintained.

"South Gippsland has over 9,000 wastewater systems installed with some dating back to the 1940s.

"Many owners already do the right thing and have their wastewater systems regularly maintained. These reminders are being issued to ensure all wastewater systems are working effectively for our safety," said Mr Brown.

For further information on how to maintain your wastewater system please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/wastewater or contact Council's Environmental Health team on 5662 9200.

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