

URGENT!

General Binding Rules



Environment Agency's Rules surrounding small sewage discharge to a watercourse

If you own, live in, or are building a property off the mains sewage network you need to be aware of this change which is a bid by the Environment Agency to reduce the level of pollution from sewage in the nation's watercourses.

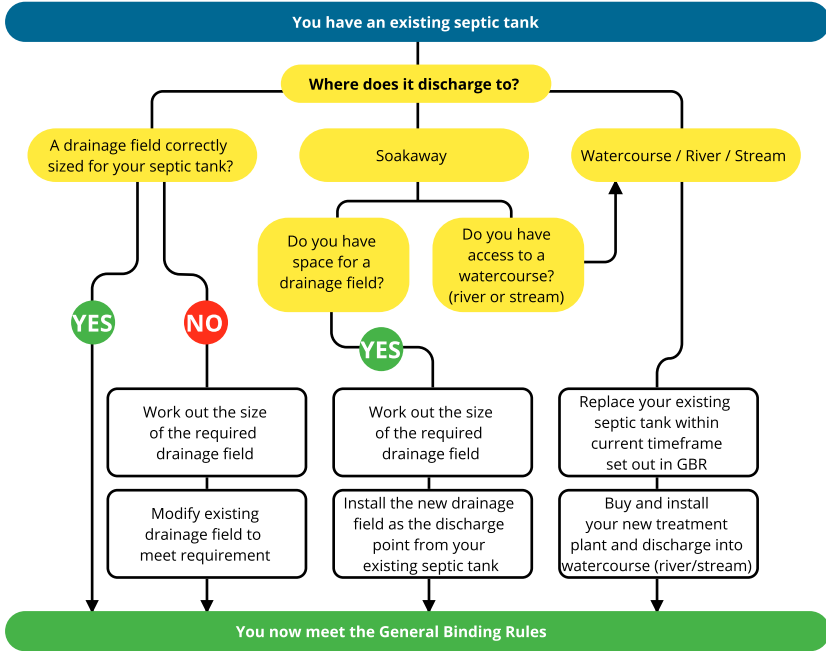
Under the General Binding Rules, anyone with a septic tank discharging into a watercourse must have plans in place to replace it or upgrade the foul water solution within a reasonable timescale, typically 12 months, or sooner if the property is due to be sold.

So, what are your options?

BURNBRIDGE SERVICES LIMITED can help in the following ways:

- Connect to a mains sewer (if one is close enough)
- Install a drainage field (if you have enough suitable land)
- Replace your existing septic tank with a more efficient, modern sewage treatment plant

Follow this flow chart to establish what you should do in order to make sure your treatment system meets the general binding rules.



You cannot use a septic tank conversion unit or a reedbed for discharging effluent to a watercourse under the general binding rules. Instead you must either upgrade to a package treatment plant or apply for a permit so that the Environment Agency can assess the risk of using this sort of system in your location. If you apply for a permit you will need to include supporting information to show that the treatment system will treat your sewage to an appropriate standard.

What's it going to cost?

Connect to mains sewer

Install a new sewage treatment plant or conversion unit

Drainage field

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