The Guidelines have been developed to provide a review of any new system or upgrade to an existing system to ensure appropriate regulatory requirements are met, and that the treatment train of choice is appropriate for the location of the system within the water supply catchment area.

On-site wastewater management systems

The Guidelines are designed to help those people who are living, intending to live, or developing land in a drinking water catchment to understand their duty of care with respect to on-site wastewater management systems. This brochure outlines the requirements set out in the Guidelines.

YOur DUTY OF CARE - YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

If you live in, or are intending to live, or are developing land in a Rous Water drinking water catchment, you have a ‘duty of care’ to protect water quality. This means that you, along with all other land owners in the drainage catchment, are legally required to minimise impacts on the waterway.

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN DRINKING WATER CATCHMENTS

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If so, you have duty of care to protect water quality.

Do you have an on-site wastewater management system?
If so, inadequate systems can seriously contaminate waterways.

Do you install on-site wastewater systems as a business?
If so, you have a professional obligation to follow guidelines and standards.

This brochure will introduce you to Rous Water’s On-site Wastewater Management Guidelines

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