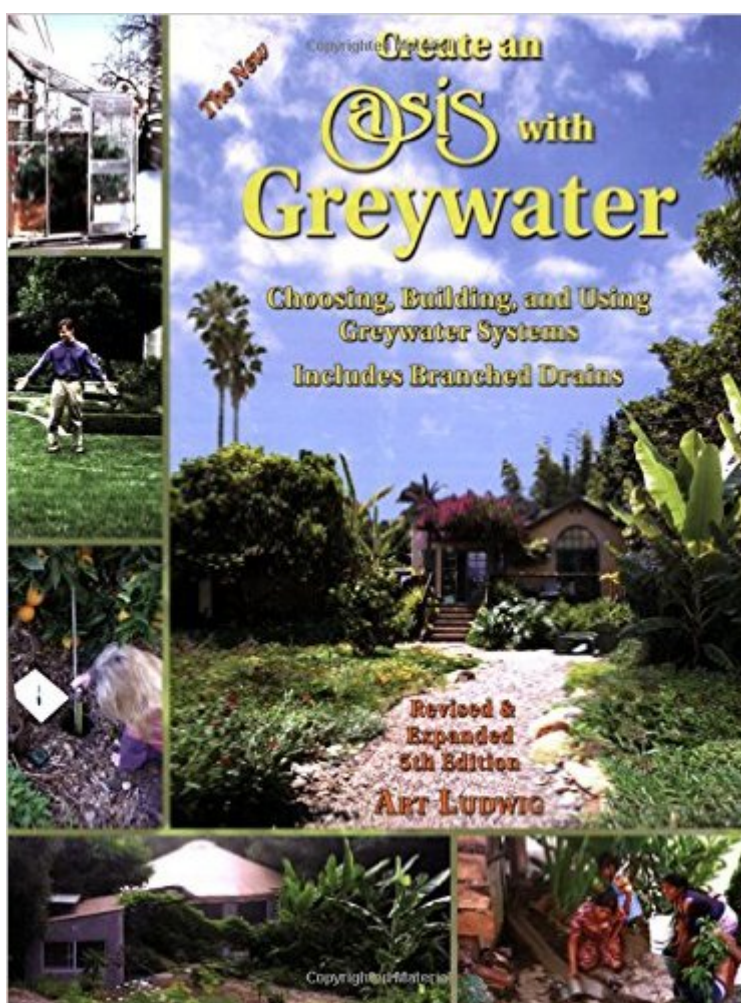


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# Create An Oasis With Greywater: Choosing, Building, And Using Greywater Systems, Includes Branched Drains



## Synopsis

Create an Oasis describes how to quickly and easily choose, build, and use a simple greywater system. Some can be completed in an afternoon for under \$30. It also provides complete instructions for more complex installations, how to deal with freezing, flooding, drought, failing septic, low perk soil, non-industrialized world conditions, coordinating a team of professionals to get optimum results on high-end projects, and "radical plumbing" that uses 90% less resources.

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Ludwig provides page after page of valuable information. Anyone wanting to reuse greywater needs to buy this book. Ludwig's branched drain systems is simple, affordable, and highly effective at using greywater in the landscape, but you can make many mistakes if you don't heed the master's advice. I have installed several systems based on Ludwig's work, and I shudder to think what would have happened if I had not read his books! In addition, his writing style makes for an enjoyable reading experience even though some of the material is, by necessity, technical.

I found this book more for someone looking to convert their existing house and plumbing to run on a greywater system, as opposed to for someone looking to build a house around/incorporating a greywater system (which is my situation). Still, an extremely specific and informative book for those who are interested in knowing every nuance of making a greywater system out of any situation.

Walk, no - run to your nearest locally-owned bookstore and order this little puppy. Art & co. are North America's foremost experts on greywater use, and they've been writing this book for 15 years. There are lots of hard-earned lessons embedded in these pages. The one thing I wish there were more of is practical advice for dealing with codes & officials in heavily regulated (e.g. suburban) environments.

With the help of this book I was able to personally install a 350 gallon per week groundwater system for just under \$500 complete with multiple diverters to two growing beds and a surge tank. The authors really have certainly done their homework on the topic and really helped me also understand what kind of soaps and detergents actually HELP my plants and which ones I should absolutely avoid with my new system.

This is THE book, no matter if you don't know what greywater is or if you are a DIYer hacking into your plumbing. Lots of pictures, diagrams, and design rubrics. Also this is a no-nonsense approach, Art is not trying to sell you anything, if your house, habits, or climate is not appropriate the answer is easy: don't bother, it's not worth it. For the rest of us trying to reduce our impact (even renters with willpower) this is the guide to this piece of the puzzle.

I've read two of Art's books, *Water Storage* and *The New Create an Oasis With greywater*. They were both fantastically educational and surprisingly easy to understand even for a woman like me who's never touched a tool.

I decided I wanted to re-use the gray water at home. I built a new house and make a system to recolect, store, pump and then reuse my greywater in the toilets. It was terrible. The water stinked and I didn't know what to do. I found Art website and found in his "more common errors with greywater" section that one shouldn't store or pump the greywater. I bought the book and found the right way to do it. Now my bathrooms are odor free and I'm using the grey water wisely. A must if you want to learn about this subject.

Plenty of good info and real world applications. Saved me from making a couple critical errors.

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