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Water Recycling Made Mandatory for New Metrowater Connections

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has decided not to give new water and sewerage connections to Special and Multistoried Buildings which do not have facility to separate toilet waste water (black water) from other waste water generated from bathing, cooking and washing of utensils and dresses (grey water).

The separation of black water and grey water has been mandatory from 2002 in such buildings, but very few buildings have been complying.

In view of the water scarcity and climate change, CMWSSB expects 15% of the City's future water requirement to be met from recycling. The decision to make recycling facilities mandatory for Metrowater connection has been taken to gradually achieve this goal. The grey water so separated should be recycled for toilet flushing or can be used for gardening, car washing or ground water recharge. The toilet water alone should be flushed into the sewerage system.

The new restriction will not apply to ordinary buildings so that the general public is not inconvenienced. CMWSSB also requests all existing Special and Multistoried buildings which received Building Permission after 2002 to put in place appropriate water recycling mechanism by December 2017.

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