

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions / Standards / Terms	Matters for control / discretion	Notification requirements
27 Existing wastewater systems ^{37,38}	The discharge of contaminants onto or into land, and any ancillary discharge of contaminants into air, in the Coastal Margin, from any existing wastewater system.	Permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The rate of discharge shall not exceed 2m³/d, averaged over any 7 day period. b) There shall be no surface ponding as a result of the discharge, or direct discharge into the coastal marine area or any water body. c) There shall be no increase in the concentration of pathogenic organisms or faecal indicator bacteria in the coastal marine area or any surface water body as a result of the discharge. d) Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the point of discharge shall be no less than 600mm above the highest seasonal groundwater table or ii) the discharge shall not result in, or contribute to, a breach of the <i>'Drinking Water Quality Standards for New Zealand'</i> (Ministry of Health, 2005 (Revised 2008)) in any groundwater body after reasonable mixing. e) The discharge shall not cause any emission of offensive or objectionable odour, or release of noxious or dangerous gases (including aerosols) beyond the boundary of the subject property. f) Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) discharges from pit privies shall be from privy's constructed in soil with a soil texture category of 2 to 6 as per AS/NZS 1547 that has an infiltration rate not exceeding 150 mm/h; or ii) all other discharges shall be into a land treatment field that complies with the requirements specified in Schedule N. g) Compliance with any conditions of a resource consent held for the activity. 		

³⁷ Any existing wastewater system modified or replaced after 1 January 2012 is considered to be a 'new' system and must be assessed in accordance with Rule 28.

³⁸ NOTE: Rule 27 means that once the system has been lawfully established, the system's continued operation is permitted under this rule. No ongoing consent is required for the operation of lawfully established discharges provided the conditions of this rule are met.

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			<p>h) The wastewater treatment and land application system shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions, or if no manufacturer's instructions exist, in accordance with the best management practice as described in AS/NZS 1547, or TP58: On-site Wastewater Systems: Design and Management Manual (Auckland Regional Council Technical Publication No. 58), or other alternative recognised on-site wastewater design manuals. A schedule of maintenance shall be kept, and this schedule shall be available for inspection by the Regional Council upon request.</p> <p>i) The discharge shall not be disposed of by way of spray irrigation.</p>		
28 New wastewater systems	Except as provided for in Rule 27 or Rule 29, the discharge of contaminants (including greywater) onto or into land, and any ancillary discharge of contaminants into air, in the Coastal Margin from any new ³⁹ wastewater system (including greywater).	Permitted	<p>a) The rate of discharge of domestic sewage (including greywater) shall not exceed 2 m³/d, averaged over any 7 day period.</p> <p>b) Where the wastewater receives no more than advanced primary treatment, the discharge shall not be onto or into a property with a land area less than 2500 m².</p> <p>c) Where the wastewater receives more than advanced primary treatment, then:</p> <p>i) the discharge shall be onto or into a property with a land area of no less than 1000 m²; and</p> <p>ii) the net site area to discharge volume ratio shall not be less than 1.5 m² per litre per day⁴⁰.</p> <p>d) The discharge and land treatment field shall not be within:</p> <p>i) 20m of any surface water body (including any stormwater open drain or roadside drain) or</p> <p>ii) 20m of any tile drain or</p> <p>iii) 20m of the coastal marine area or</p> <p>iv) 1.5m of any property boundary.</p>		

³⁹ 'New' wastewater systems include those systems installed after this rule becomes operative, as well as those lawfully established wastewater systems that have been modified or replaced since 1 January 2012.

⁴⁰ The net site area to discharge volume ratio can be calculated by dividing the net site area by the expected daily wastewater volume. If the answer is less than 1.5, the discharge does not comply with this condition. E.g. A 1000m² property with a three bedroom home on it with maximum daily discharge volume of 1200 L (6 people at 200 L/p/d) has a ratio of 0.83 (1000/1200). This discharge would not comply with this condition.