

## FACT SHEET - ABSORPTION TRENCH SPECIFICATIONS

This fact sheet has been prepared to assist with the installation of an absorption trench for an onsite sewerage management system.

You must ensure that:

1. All trenches are to run parallel to the contours of the land;
2. Trenches are not to be placed in natural waterways;
3. Trenches are not to contaminate any underground water supplies;
4. An inspection pipe correctly capped and protected shall be at the ends of trenches to facilitate pump out in wet times;
5. All work is to be inspected by Council prior to back filling; and
6. Trenches are to be located at least
  - 100 metres from surface waters, rivers, streams dams ect.
  - 250 metres from domestic waterways, farm dams, drainage channels.
  - 6 metres up-gradient and 3 metres down-gradient of pools, driveways, paths and buildings.

An absorption trench must measure 500mm wide, 900mm deep and 40m long and all works must be completed by a licensed plumber.

Any questions regarding absorption trenches can be directed to Council's Building Surveyors on (02) 6728 8200.

