

Public Health Requirements for Temporary Use of Recreational Vehicles under the Interim and Supportive Housing Ordinance

What are the Requirements for Drinking Water?

Garden hoses are not rated for potable water and can leech chemicals into your RV water supply that may affect the taste, smell, and safety of your water. Only food-safe hoses should be utilized. Connections from an existing water supply hose bib to the RV do not require approval. However, installing an additional line/bib or connection to connect to the water supply requires approval by the Department of Public Works, Building & Safety Division (B&S). Information and applications can be found at: <https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService/#/home>.

What Should you Know About Wastewater?

RVs are designed to hold wastewater in a storage tank and then required to properly dispose of this wastewater. Homeowners have the following options based on their specific RV operation:

Option 1 – Utilize existing sewer line

Connecting to an existing clean-out access is not permitted. The installation of a plumbing connection to dispose of wastewater into an existing sewer connection will require B&S plan approval and permit. After the County-declared shelter crisis has ended, this plumbing connection must be removed and will again require B&S plan approval and permit. Information and applications can be found at:

<https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService/#/home>.

Option 2 – Utilize existing on-site septic system

If your property is connected to an existing on-site septic system, you must have your system evaluated by a qualified contractor to verify that the system is in good condition and has the capacity for the additional wastewater load from the RV. Only septic systems with a prior approval from Public Health or B&S are eligible for use with a temporary RV. You must submit:

- *An Application for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Review* (found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/permit/owts-review-application-package.pdf>) and
- *A Septic System Evaluation Form* (found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/permit/evaluation-form-existing-owts-project-reviews.pdf>) that is completed by the qualified contractor.

A fee of \$447 is required with systems with documentation of prior system design approval, or \$522 without documentation of prior system design approval.

Option 3 – Utilize sewage pumping service

Owners may choose to contract with a sewage pumping company that is licensed to operate in Los Angeles County to have the holding tank of the RV pumped on site.

Option 4 – Utilize RV Sanitation Dump Station

Wastewater may be disposed of at a nearby RV Sanitation Dump Station

Disposal of RV wastewater in an unapproved method, such as onto the ground surface or directly into a storm drain, may contaminate surface water, groundwater, attract vermin, or spread disease. Improper disposal of wastewater is a violation of the Los Angeles County Code and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Los Angeles County Code §11.02.080)

For more information: If you require any further information, please contact the Land Use Program at **(626) 430 5380**.