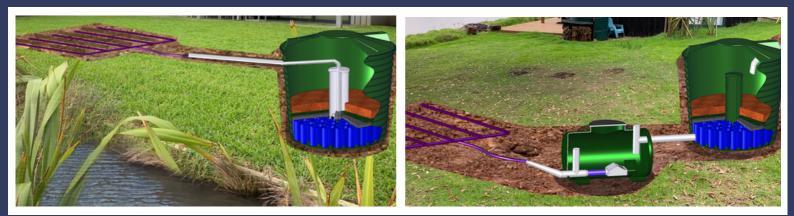


WORMSMART PRIMARY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

FOR PASSIVE & PUMPED SYSTEMS



ECO-FRIENDLY CHEMICAL-FREE LOW ONGOING COSTS ROBUST & RELIABLE

HOW IT WORKS

The Wormsmart Primary is a package wastewater treatment suitable for homes with up to 6 bedrooms with a design flow of up to 1,800 litres per day. The plant comprises a single pipe which connects to a 3000L polypropylene tank where wastewater is filtered and worms and bacteria break down waste into organic humus.

It is available as a passive system (if the site is sufficiently sloping and suitably laid out that gravity alone can dose the discharge system) and as a pumped system.

It is an eco-friendly option for the treatment of onsite wastewater and comprises three stages:



Wastewater enters the system

All greywater and blackwater from the property is plumbed into the tank through one wastewater pipe. There's no need to separate them (unlike other systems).

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Nature does its work

Wastewater filters through the bed leaving the solids behind. The solids are then broken down by worms who turn it into an organic humus. Aerobic bacteria then feed on the humus breaking it down further.

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Water is recycled

A flout TM (floating outlet) for passive systems or a lightweight, low energy-use sump pump, for pumped systems, sends the treated water through a low-pressure effluent distribution (LPED) system to the discharge field. The water that leaves the system is relatively colourless and odourless, and is rich in nutrients. The irrigation pipes can be buried out of sight, or mounted on the surface if more practical (e.g. in the bush amongst tree roots).

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

WORMSMART PRIMARY PASSIVE

When the site slopes steeply enough, and is favourably laid out, Wormsmart systems can work without electricity ie. a pump is not required. Instead, a gravity pipe connects the Wormsmart to a small flout tank – a passive dosing system that reliably performs the same function as a bell siphon.

The plant comprises one 3,000L polypropylene tank which houses the vermicompost process. The vermicomposting area contains a 300mm diameter x 3m long coconut fibre log which is laid out in a snake-like fashion over a 0.5mm screen mesh on a 450mm high plastic support medium. The emergency storage, of 2,540L (including media submergence) is also located within the primary tank.

The Rissy FLOUT® dosing chamber (aka flout tank) accumulates up to 300L of wastewater as it trickles in, then doses it into the discharge field in a short period of time. Dosing like this is an important component of the wastewater system as it ensures equal distribution of the treated effluent into the discharge area.

The tanks must be connected and aligned as follows: The base of the 3000L treatment chamber (where the pipe exits) must be level with the top of the flout chamber (where the pipe enters). The bottom of the flout chamber where the pipe exits in turn must then be around 2m above the top of the discharge area.

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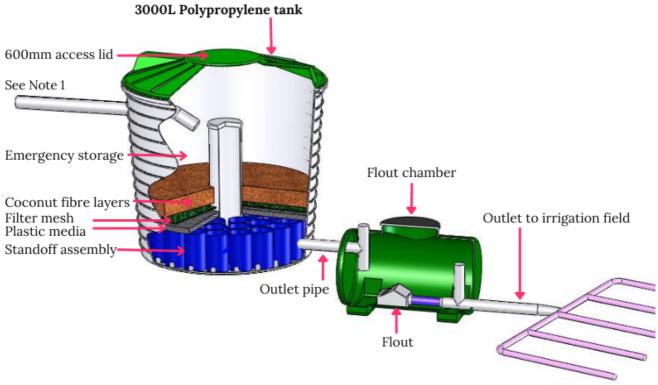
If the property has insufficient fall for the system to be passive, a Davey D23A/B lightweight submersible pump should be installed in the primary tank. This quietly disperses the treated wastewater once 300 litres has accumulated.

A Davies Pumps LS Alarm Panel is provided, mounted on the tank. It provides an audio and visual warning alarm when activated by a high level float. The alarm panel can be re-mounted elsewhere if preferred.

The pump replaces the flout dosing chamber and means that the discharge area can be level with or higher than the treatment chamber. In all other ways the components of the pumped version are the same as the passive version.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

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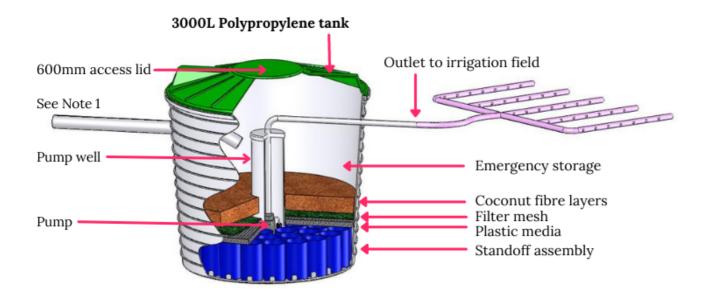
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COMPONENT LIST

1 x 3,000L Everhard Industries polypropylene tank with vermicomposting unit and low exit pipe 1 x Rissy FLOUT® dosing chamber 04

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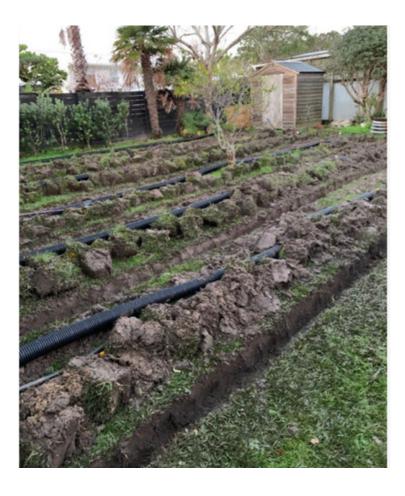
1 x 3000L Everhard Industries Pipe with vermicomposting unit and high exit pipe 1 x Davey Submersible Drainage Pump D23A /B 0.2kW float-controlled pump (alternative pumps can be fitted by special order). 1 x High quality LS Alarm Panel

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EFFLUENT DISPOSAL & IRRIGATION

The irrigation field can be buried out of sight in mini-trenches or mounted on the surface if more practical.

- Low-pressure effluent distribution systems (LPED) should be used.
- Flush taps must be provided for periodic maintenance.



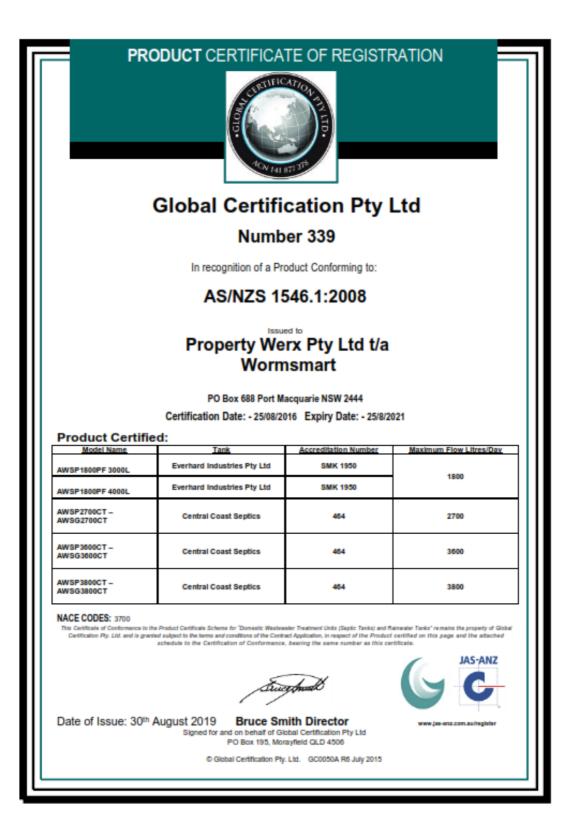
Subsurface option

With good topsoil depth and subsoil drainage, drainage metal is not required, but it can be used to enhance inground storage.

Surface-mount option

Once the LPED (alkathene pipe nestled in draincoil) has been installed, mound mulch over it and hold in place by lengths of shadecloth and pins. It is best practice to add more mulch to cover the shadecloth.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION





WORMSMART NZ

Wormsmart was founded in Australia by Matthew Coddington, who designed the system to be simple and biological. Meanwhile in New Zealand, Wayne Gilinsky had been working for nearly 20 years with various worm-based systems from around the world. When Wayne heard about Wormsmart, he headed over to Australia to check it out and a trans-Tasman partnership began. Many New Zealand homes are built near bodies of water, and this has resulted in regulatory requirements which increasingly require a secondary level of wastewater treatment. Wayne developed the Wormsmart Plus to meet these needs, which has since set industry-leading standards at the OSET trials in Rotorua. Wormsmart NZ is an independent company, however Wayne & Matt continue to work closely together.

