



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-25-04  
APRIL 21, 2025**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

APPLICANT:	<b>Grass Valley Gardens, LLC</b>
FACILITY NAME:	<b>Grass Valley Gardens Residential Subdivision</b>
FACILITY LOCATION:	<b>14N 20W 20SW Missoula County 46.955904° -114.162644°</b>
RECEIVING WATER:	<b>Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water</b>
PERMIT NUMBER:	<b>MTX000331</b>

A determination has been made by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System permit, MTX000331, to Grass Valley Gardens LLC, for the proposed Grass Valley Gardens Residential Subdivision. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The Grass Valley Gardens Residential Subdivision is designed to handle up to 120,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. Wastewater treatment and disposal will be managed through a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) and a Rapid Infiltration system (RIC). The planned discharge infrastructure includes a lift station that will transport treated effluent to a RIC system located at the southern end of the development.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is 46.951529° -114.160508°, 14N 20W 20SW, Missoula County.

DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed advanced treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on MAY 21, 2025.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on MAY 21, 2025,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov)

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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