



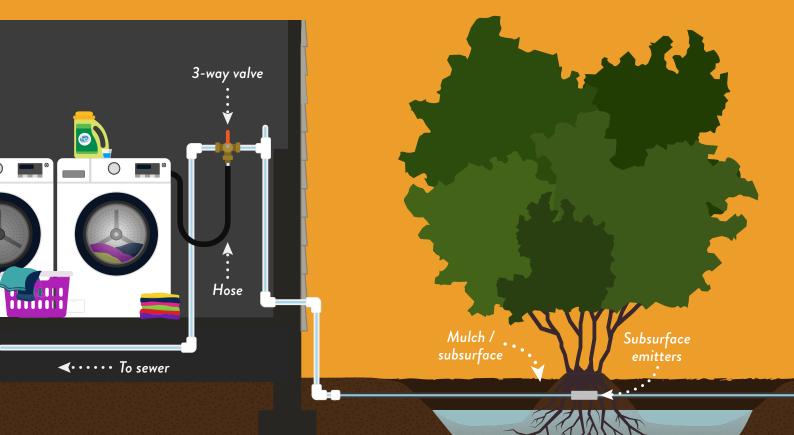
## KNOW YOUR LAUNDRY-TO-LANDSCAPE

# **O1** WHAT IS LAUNDRY-TO-LANDSCAPE?

Laundry-to-landscape systems are a relatively low-cost, easy-to-install, way to reuse **laundry discharge** to **irrigate trees and plants** instead of sending it with the rest of household wastewater through sanitary sewers to **wastewater treatment plants** for treatment and discharge.

### **02** WHAT IS GREYWATER?

Laundry discharge is considered **greywater**, a term for **lightly contaminated household wastewater**; this term may also refer to discharge from **showers**, **baths**, **and bathroom sinks**. Reusing greywater can **lower municipal water use**, **reduce household bills**, **and nourish vegetation**.



### **03** HOW DOES IT WORK?

A washer hose is connected to the outlet of the washing machine, whose **internal pump** pressurizes and distributes the greywater outside. The water travels through **subsurface pipes** and is diverted through drilled **outlets** or adjustable **3-way valves** into **mulch basins**, which surround and irrigate the vegetation.

#### **04** WHY LAUNDRY-TO-LANDSCAPE?

#### Pros

- + Relatively low cost
  + Can install without a permit in California
  + Minimal maintenance
  + Can distribute greywater uphill & across long distances
- + Easy to **route laundry** water to sewer if necessary

#### Cons

- + Poorly designed
  systems can add strain on
  the washer pump and
  shorten its lifespan
  + Uneven irrigation
  + Lack of filtration may
  cause clogging
  + May need to acquire
- custom parts