



# The future in sanitation is off the grid

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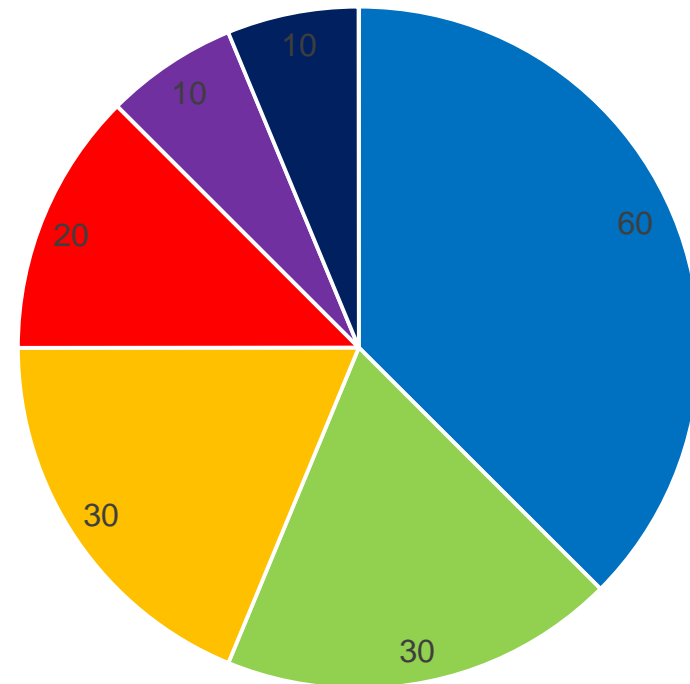
# Situation today



## ■ 160L per person & day

- Personal hygiene 60L
- Laundry 20L
- Dishwashing 30L
- Toilet flush 30L
- Drinking & Food 10L
- Other 10L

Water usage



■ Hygiene ■ Dish ■ Toilet ■ Laundry ■ Food ■ Other

# Waste hierarchy



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Where does wastewater management fit?

behaviour

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Recycle

3

Recycling and reprocessing materials

Recover

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Recovering energy

Landfill

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Targeting **zero landfill**

# The waste hierarchy



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Water saving



# The waste hierarchy



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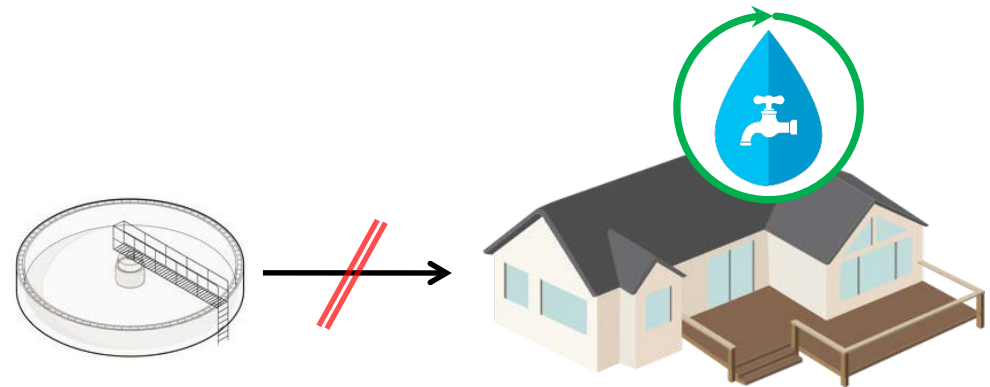
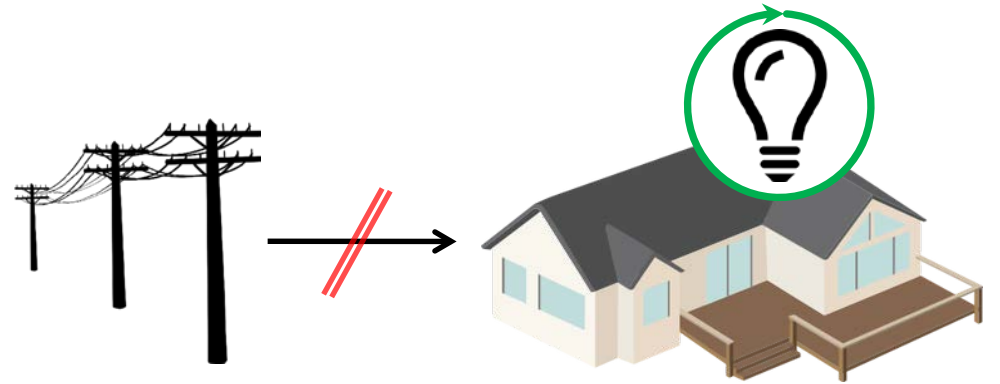


Sludge management

# Disconnect from grid?



- Telephone is disconnected
- Low / zero energy housing
- Low / zero water housing?

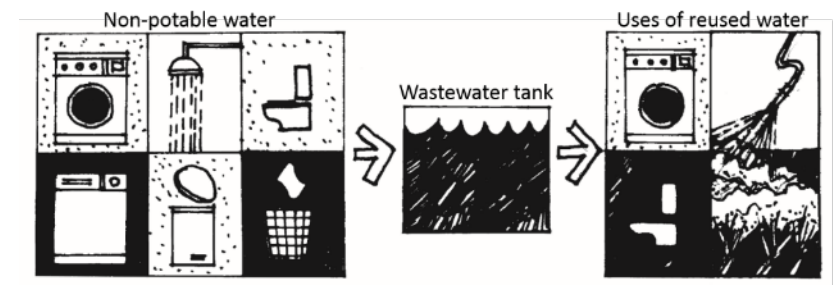




# Off grid houses exist – still linear



- Eco house – Kathmandu
- Sustainable house – Sydney
- Rainwater fed systems
- Water treatment and reuse for irrigation or ground water recharge
- **Challenge**
  - Wastewater management



# Internal water recycling



- Blue diversion water wall
- Orbital systems
  - 5L water/shower
  - 12L flow/min
- 60L water for personal hygiene is reduced to zero



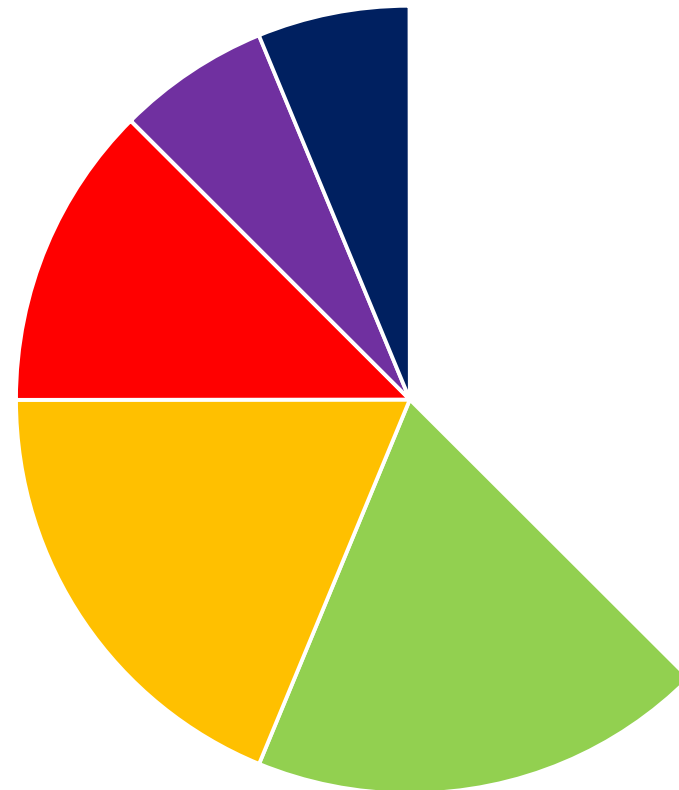
# Situation today



## ■ 100L per person & day

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- Laundry 20L
- Dishwashing 30L
- Toilet flush 30L
- Drinking & Food 10L
- Other 10L

Water usage

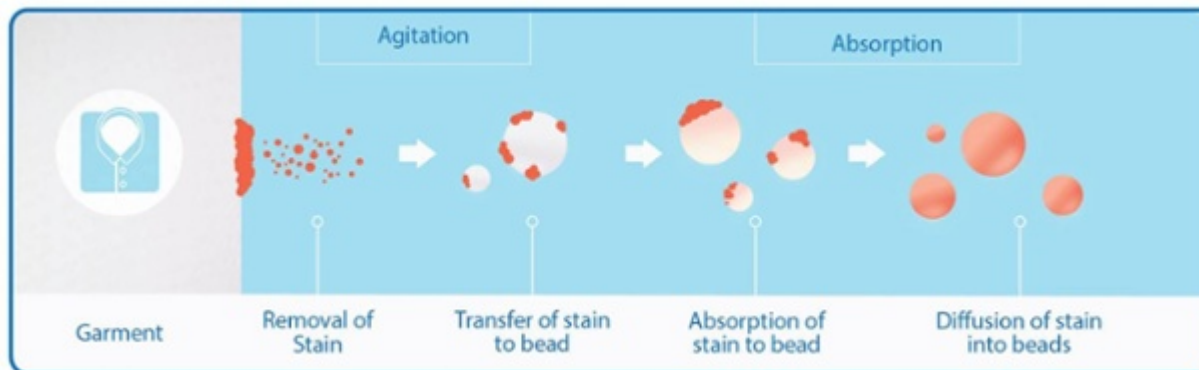


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# Laundry



- Deionised water washing- no detergents
  - Easier to treat water
  - Circular system
- Steaming of clothes
  - LG system
- Xero polymer beads
  - Small amount of water



# Future sanitation



## ■ 80L per person & day

- Personal hygiene 0L
- Laundry 0L
- Dishwashing 30L
- Toilet flush 30L
- Drinking & Food 10L
- Other 10L

Water usage

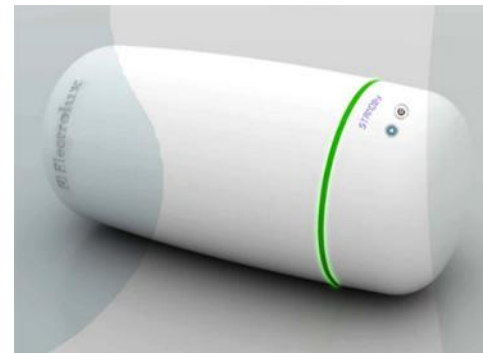


■ Dish ■ Toilet ■ Food ■ Other

# Dishwashing



- Water used as carrier
- CO<sub>2</sub> is an alternative
- Sand + air
  - Patented method
    - US20140102485 A1
- Sound + air
  - Ultrasonic cleaning
  - Ecocleaner – Electrolux lab 2010



# Future sanitation



## ■ 50L per person & day

- Personal hygiene 0L
- Laundry 0L
- Dishwashing 0L
- Toilet flush 30L
- Drinking & Food 10L
- Other 10L

Water usage





# Toilet – can we go dry from wet?



## ■ Benefits of a flush toilet

- Flush & forget
- Someone else problem
- Instant local information of some misuse - blockages
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# Toilet – a dry system?



- Solid waste route?
- Infrastructure available
  - Solid waste management
- Cassette system
- Information of misuse
- Excreta
  - No visual contact
  - No physical contact



# Toilet – faecal management



## ■ Faeces annually / person

- 50 kg wet weight
- 10 kg dry weight
- 2 kg ash








## ■ Toilet paper / person

- 5 kg dry weight
- 0.5 kg ash

## ■ Family of 4

- 0.16 kg day
- 1 kg / week

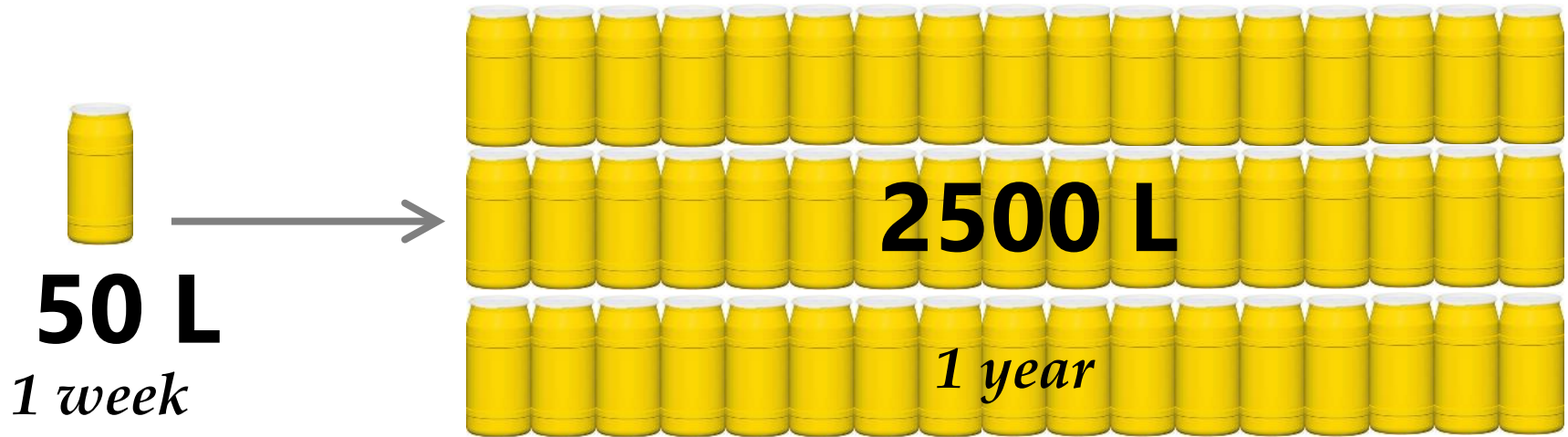
### Bristol stool chart

Type 1		Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)
Type 2		Sausage-shaped but lumpy
Type 3		Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface
Type 4		Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft
Type 5		Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed easily)
Type 6		Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool
Type 7		Watery, no solid pieces, <b>Entirely liquid</b>

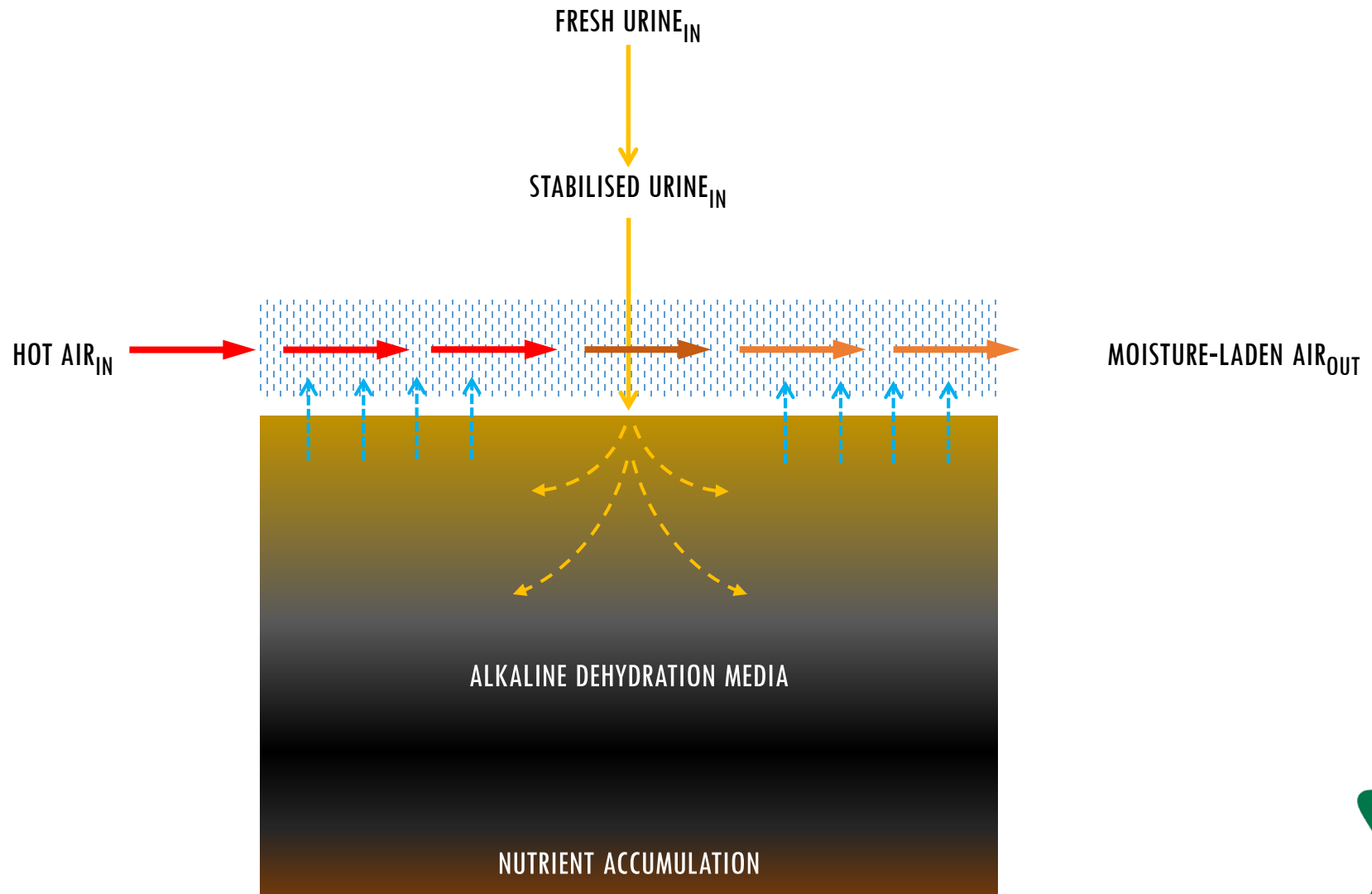
# Toilet – urine system requirement



## ■ Family of 4



# Alkaline dehydration



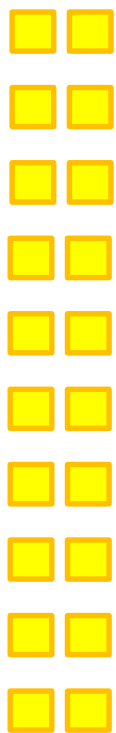
# Effect of drying



## Liquid Urine

**20 kg**

**0.6% N**



## Dried Urine

**1 kg**

**>15% N**



**95 %**

VOLUME REDUCTION

**25 times**

NUTRIENT CONCENTRATION

**>80%**

N RECOVERY

**100%**

P RECOVERY

**100%**

K RECOVERY

# Drying potential



Drying Media	50 °C	65 °C
75% BRAN/ 25% ASH	18% ± 1.1%	16% ± 0.3%
75% BIOCHAR/ 25% LIME	3% ± 0.2%	16% ± 1.2%
75% SOIL/ 25% LIME	11% ± 1.9%	9% ± 0.3%
100% LIME	13% ± 0.9%	13% ± 0.8%
100% ASH	15% ± 0.6%	14% ± 0.4%

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# Toilet - urine



- 95% volume reduction
- 90% Nitrogen recovery
- Valuable product
  - 15%N
  - 1.5% P
  - 5% K
- Final product  
Pellets
- Commercial NPK fertiliser
  - 20-50% replacement



# The new UD system



- Urine diversion
  - Flush – no flush
- Placed in toilet room
  - No extra piping
  - 0.25m<sup>2</sup> for family of 4
- Final design not determined



# Future sanitation



## ■ 20L per person & day

- Personal hygiene 0L
- Laundry 0L
- Dishwashing 0L
- Toilet flush 0L
- Drinking & Food 10L
- Other 10L

Water usage



■ Food ■ Other

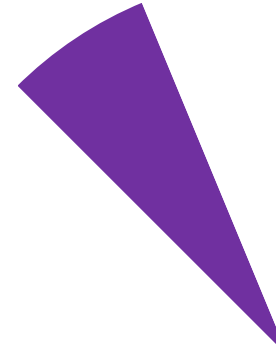
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## ■ 10L per person & day

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- Other 0L

Water usage



■ Food

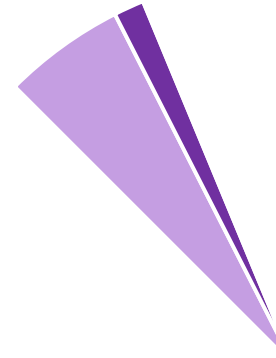
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## ■ 10L per person & day

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- Toilet flush 0L
- Drinking & Food 10L
  - Drinking 1-2L
- Other 0L

Water usage

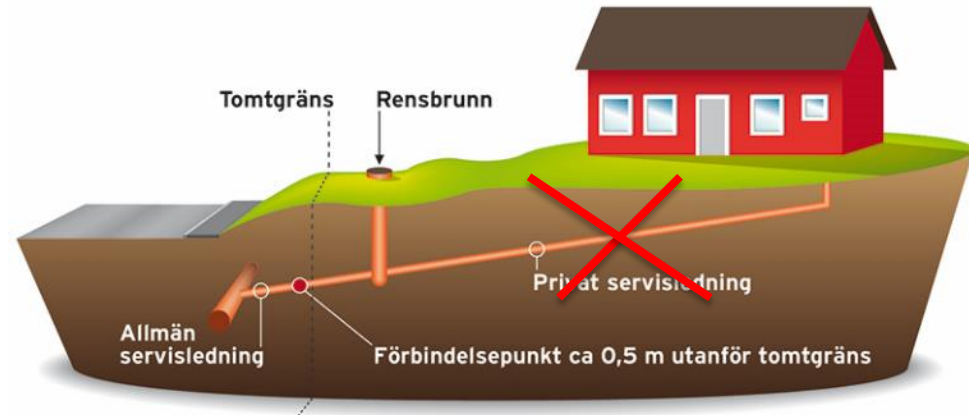


■ Food Drinking

# The future – off the grid sanitation



- We will always need water
  - 2-10 L with same standards as today
- Service level
  - not specific wastewater products
- Key to go off grid!
  - Internal circulation
  - Dry sanitation
  - Same service level as today



# Where do we get the water from?



## ■ Rain water

- Uppsala 500mm per year
- 7m<sup>2</sup> per person

## ■ Condensed water

- Ventilation / AC
- Refrigerator
- Condensed urine water

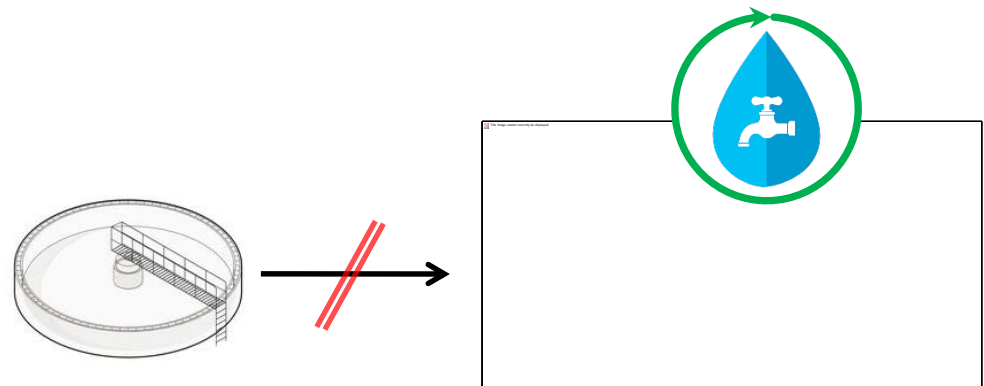
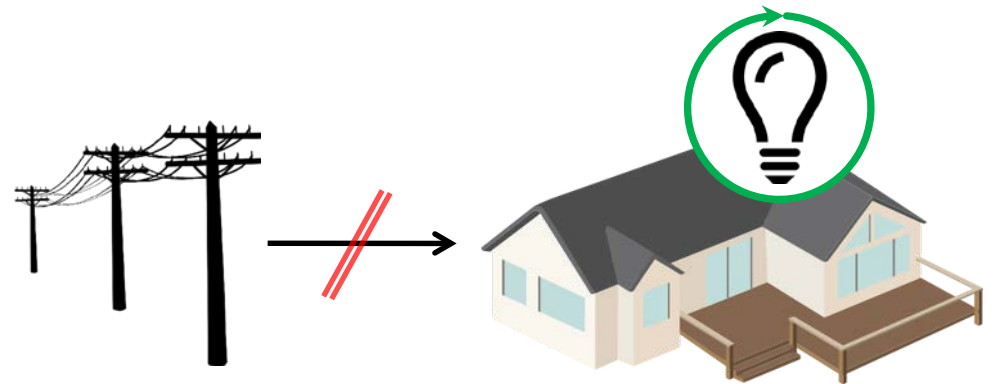
## ■ Bottled water



# Added benefits



- Polluter pays
- Less corruption
- Build anywhere
- Flexible in size
  - Household
  - community
- Climate resilient







**No need for network  
connections, neither electricity  
nor water, nor wastewater**

**Next generation of housing is off the grid**

