

# STEP Systems and Extended Power Outages

## Your home may have a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) system.

In the event of a power outage, your STEP system will store wastewater for a few days if you limit your water use.

### Please take the following actions during a power outage:

**DO NOT** connect a generator to your home or the STEP system unless it has been professionally installed and inspected by the County Building Division.

**DO** limit your water use during the power outage.

**DO** call Placer County Environmental Utilities at (530) 886-4913 if:



- You see liquid coming out of the green STEP SYSTEM lids or of your sewer cleanouts.
- Any of the drains located in your home are slow to drain.
- You hear an alarm or see a warning light.
- You have questions about your STEP system.

Typical STEP system control panel and lid

Power Outage updates and additional information can be found at [www.readyplacer.org](http://www.readyplacer.org) or by calling (530) 889-6841.