

# STEP Systems and Extended Power Outages

## Your home may have a Septic Tank Effluent Pump (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 because your STEP pump will not be working and could back up your plumbing.

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

- You see liquid coming out of the green STEP system lids or out 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.

For additional information about your STEP system, call (530) 889-6841 during business hours.



Typical STEP system control panel and lid

For Power Outage updates and additional information visit [www.readyplacer.org](http://www.readyplacer.org)