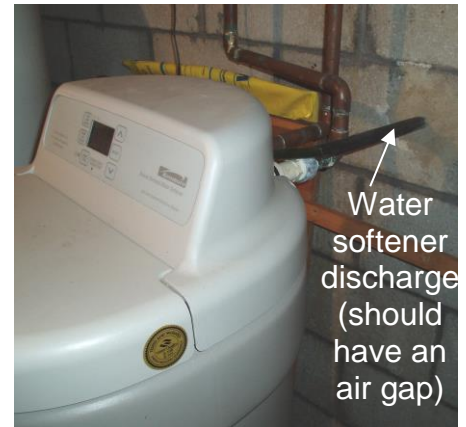


Can My Water Softener Discharge to My Onsite Sewage Treatment System?

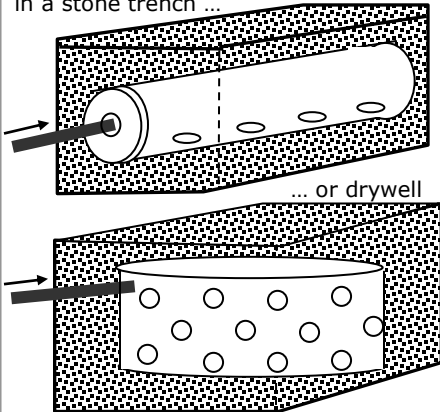
Water from a recharging water softener should be removed from the onsite sewage treatment system to decrease the volume and salinity of the liquid treated by the onsite sewage treatment system. Preferred methods for managing water softener discharge include:

- constructing a subsurface, tile trench using a perforated pipe surrounded by stone or other similar aggregate
- draining the discharge on the ground surface, away from the area of the onsite sewage treatment system, although the salty water may kill grass or leave an iron stain
- connecting the water softener discharge to its own drywell, separate from the onsite sewage treatment system



Alternate methods for water softener discharge

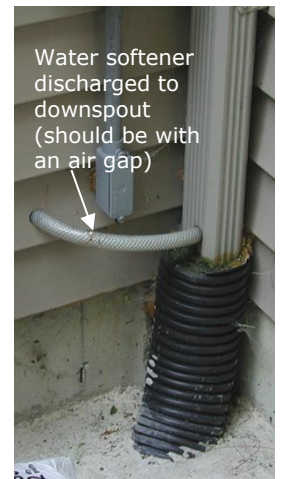
Water softener discharged to an approximately 10-foot perforated pipe in a stone trench ...



Water softener discharged outside to landscaping stones.



Water softener discharged to a floor drain with air gap



Water softener discharged to downspout (should be with an air gap)

An air gap protects your drinking water



Connection for water softener discharge line

Air "gap"

Connection to sewer line

Using a sanitary **air gap** prevents contamination from entering the discharge hose of the water softener if wastewater should backup into the house.

