

## **Glossary**

**Aqua privy** – A low-water use alternative where water is scarce. Generally, excreta falls directly from a squatting plate into a septic tank, without passing through a water seal.

**Boundary** - A boundary feature is any structure that separates your property from your neighbour's.

**Block** – It is a prominent land area within a community that is constructed to be its focal point or center.

**Catch basin** - A catch basin or storm drain is a curbside drain with the sole function of collecting rainwater from our properties and streets and transporting it to local waterways through a system of underground piping, culverts and/or drainage ditches.

**Composting** – Composting is nature's process of recycling decomposed organic materials into a rich soil known as compost.

**Cluster** - A group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together.

**French drain** – A French drain is a trench filled with gravel or rock or containing a perforated pipe that redirects surface water and groundwater away from an area.

**Night soil collection** – Night soil was produced as a result of a sanitation system in areas without sewer systems or septic tanks. In this system of waste management, the human feces are collected without dilution with water.

**Resource Optimization** - Resource optimization is the set of processes and methods to match the available resources (human, machinery, financial) with the needs of the organization in order to achieve established goals

**Pit latrine** – A pit latrine or pit toilet is a type of toilet that collects human feces in a hole in the ground. They use either no water or one to three liters per flush with pour-flush pit latrines.

**Rain water harvesting:** Rainwater harvesting using ground or land surface catchment areas is less complex way of collecting rainwater.

**Sewage** – Waste water and excrement conveyed in sewers.

**Surface drainage** – **Surface drainage** is the removal of water that collects on the land **surface**.