Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems

**Centralized**
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Also called a “publicly owned treatment works”
  - Wastewater treated at a central location
  - Many types of treatment options
  - Used for cities and towns

**Decentralized**
- Individual Septic System
  - 1 or 2 homes
  - Wastewater treated on-site
  - Underground (subsurface)
  - Used for individual homes not connected to municipal systems
- Central Septic System
  - Also called a “community” system
  - 2 or more homes or >2,500 gallons per day
  - Wastewater treated on-site or off-site
  - Used for subdivisions, resorts, schools, etc. not connected to municipal systems
- Large Soil Absorption System
  - >2,500 gallons per day
  - Wastewater treated on-site
  - Underground (subsurface)
- Small, Private Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Many types of treatment options