

PERMANENT WATER SAVING RULES

Fact Sheet



WATERING SYSTEMS

6.00pm - 10.00am

On Any Day

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Manual watering systems (the kind you turn on or off by hand) can only be used to water gardens and lawns between 6.00pm and 10.00am on any day.

Automatic watering systems (the kind you set to turn on and off automatically) can only be used to water gardens and lawns between 6.00pm and 10.00am on any day.

WATERING DAYS

Any day means water can be used on any day of the week during the specified watering times.

HAND-HELD HOSES

A hand-held hose must be fitted with a trigger nozzle and can be used at any time to water gardens and lawns.

VEHICLE WASHING

A hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used at any time for vehicle washing.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS AND LAWNS

Residential or Commercial Gardens and Lawns can be watered with a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can at any time and can only be watered by means of a watering system between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00am on any day.

PUBLIC GARDENS AND LAWNS AND PLAYING SURFACES

Public Gardens and lawns and playing surfaces can be watered with a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time and can only be watered by means of a watering system between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00am on any day and must be fitted with a soil or rain moisture sensor.

For further information please visit
www.lmw.vic.gov.au
or telephone 03 5051 3400

Additional Information

GREYWATER, RAINWATER AND RECYCLED WATER

Greywater and recycled water can be used at any time. For guidelines on the safe use of greywater and recycled water visit www.epa.vic.gov.au. No restrictions apply to rainwater collected in a storage tank, provided it is not supplemented by the mains water supply.

WATER FOUNTAINS & WATER FEATURES

Fountain or Water Features should only be used if the fountain or water feature re-circulates the water.

CLEANING OF HARD SURFACES

Water should not be used to clean hard surfaces (including, driveways, paths, concrete, tiles, timber decking) except:

- where cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency;
- if staining to the surface has developed and then only once a season; or
- in the course of construction or renovation.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

A hose must not be used unless it is:

- fitted with a trigger nozzle; and
- is in good condition and does not leak.

Water Usage Charges

Lower Murray Water has a three tiered water consumption pricing structure so if customers choose to use more water on their lawns, gardens or in their homes they will receive a higher bill for the additional water that is used. This is the user pays system at work.

Residential

Lower Murray Water's usage tiers from 1 July 2011 are structured as follows:

| Period | Up to 50kL | 51-100kL | 101-200kL | 201+kL |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 July 2011 - 30 September 2011 | 38.52 | 70.08 | 90.06 | 90.06 |
| 1 October 2011 - 31 December 2011 | 38.52 | 38.52 | 70.08 | 90.06 |
| 1 January 2012 - 31 March 2012 | 38.52 | 38.52 | 70.08 | 90.06 |
| 1 April 2012 - 30 June 2012 | 38.52 | 70.08 | 90.06 | 90.06 |

Note: *1kilolitre (kL) = 1,000 litres. ^Based on a 91 day quarter.

Non-Residential

Single Rate of 70.08c per kL in all quarters.

Penalties and Enforcement

Water Restrictions must be followed and water patrols are happening in all service areas. Penalties apply for non-compliance of the Water Restrictions.