

# STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

## Fact Sheet

### MANUAL WATERING SYSTEMS

Manual watering systems (the kind you turn on or off by hand) can only be used to water gardens and lawns between 7.00am-9.00am and 7.00pm-9.00pm on alternate days.

### AUTOMATIC WATERING SYSTEMS

Automatic watering systems (the kind you set to turn on and off automatically) can only be used to water gardens and lawns between midnight-4.00am on alternate days.

### ALTERNATE DAYS

Alternate days means odd numbered houses can water on odd dates of the month and even numbered houses can water on even numbered dates. For example if you live at 45 Russell Street, you can only use your watering system on the 1st, 3rd, 5th etc... of the month. Both odd and even numbered houses can water on the 31st of the month. Where there is no house number the property is considered an even numbered house.

MANUAL WATERING OR DRIPPER SYSTEM	AUTOMATIC SYSTEM
7.00am - 9.00am 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Midnight - 4.00am
On Alternate Days*	

\*See reverse for further details

### HAND-HELD HOSES

Hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used at any time to water gardens and lawns. Hosing down driveways, paths, concrete and paved areas is not permitted.

### VEHICLE WASHING

A bucket, high pressure cleaning device or commercial car wash can be used at any time for vehicle washing. A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can only be used for pre-rinsing and rinsing.

### LARGE POOLS AND SPAS

Before filling a new or existing pool or spa of 2,000 litres capacity or more, owners must submit a water conservation plan and have it approved by Lower Murray Water. This plan must show how the volume of water required to fill the pool or spa will be, or has been, offset by water saved around the home. Only a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or a watering can may be used to top up an existing pool or spa.

### SMALL POOLS AND SPAS

To fill or top up a new or existing pool or spa with a capacity 2,000 litres or less, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or a bucket may be used.

## Additional Information

### Business, Commercial Customers and Schools

Under Stage 1 water restrictions business, commercial customers and schools are required to comply with the same garden watering times and vehicle washing restrictions as residents.

### 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](http://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.

### Public Gardens and Sports Facilities

Gardens and lawns in public parks and sports facilities can only be watered by:

- Manual watering systems (that you turn on or off by hand) between 6am-10am and 8pm-midnight on alternate days.

- Automatic watering systems (that turn themselves on and off) between midnight-8am on alternate days.
- Hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or bucket can be used at any time. Or in accordance with a water conservation plan approved by Lower Murray Water.

**Note:** Some specified playing surfaces are exempt from the above restrictions. Please contact Lower Murray Water for more information.

### Water Fountains

Only water fountains that recirculate water can be operated. For fountains that do recirculate the water - topping up is permitted at any time using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or a watering can.

### Water Toys

A water toy attached to a hose must not be used at any time.

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[www.lmw.vic.gov.au](http://www.lmw.vic.gov.au)  
or telephone 03 5051 3400




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## WATERING ON ALTERNATE DAYS

ODD NUMBERED PROPERTY	EVEN OR UN-NUMBERED PROPERTY
Odd numbered days of the month	Even numbered days of the month

Alternate Days						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Days of the month			

 **Odd numbered properties** Water on odd numbered days  
 **Even numbered properties and properties without a number** Water on even numbered days  
 **Anyone can water on the 31st day of the month**

## WATER USAGE CHARGES

The Corporation has a three tiered water consumption pricing structure so if customers choose to use more water on their lawns, gardens or internally 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 2009 are structured as follows:

	1 April - 30 September	Rate	1 October - 31 March	Rate
First Tier	0-50kL per quarter	32.69c	0-100kL per quarter	32.69c
Second Tier	51-100kL per quarter	59.46c	101-200kL per quarter	59.46c
Third Tier	Over 100 kL per quarter	76.40c	Over 200kL per quarter	76.40c

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

### Non-Residential

Single Rate of 59.46c per kL in all quarters.

## PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

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

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