

STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following key water restrictions apply to all households from 12.01am Monday 9th November 2009

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 7am–9am and 7pm–9pm 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–4am 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.

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 LMW. 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 must be used.

Business and Commercial customers

Under Stage 1 water restrictions business and commercial customers 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. No restrictions apply to rainwater collected in a storage tank, provided it is not supplemented by the mains water supply.

Public gardens, sports facilities and schools

Gardens and lawns in public parks, schools 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 LMW. Nb. Some specified playing surfaces are exempt from the above restrictions. Please contact LMW 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.

Further Information

For Further information please go to www.lmw.vic.gov.au or call 50513400