

# LOWER MURRAY WATER UPDATE



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## Customer News

As of 1.00am Monday 2nd July 2007  
**Stage 4 Water Restrictions**  
**ARE IN FORCE**

### What does Stage 4 Restrictions Mean?

- All outside watering is banned. No watering at any time. (Public, Private & commercial Gardens/Lawns)

**Vehicles** Hand held hoses must not be used to wash vehicles at any time. Vehicles may be washed using a bucket or watering can to clean windows, mirrors, lights and for spot removal of corrosive substances.

**Swimming Pools/Spa** A new pool or spa must not be filled. An existing pool or spa must not be topped up except by means of watering can or bucket, filled directly from a tap.

**Hard Surfaces** Hosing down of hard surfaces is banned unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health, safety hazard or other emergency.

#### Construction

Water may only be used for construction by:

- Using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or other container.
- When construction equipment requires a water supply for safe and efficient operation.

#### Sportsgrounds

A sportsground must not be watered at any time.

#### Mobile Water Tanker

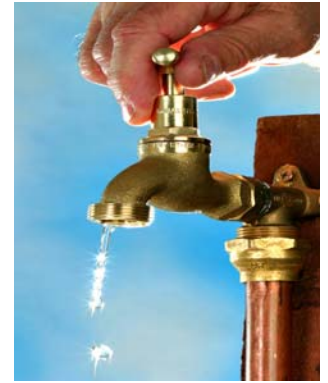
A permit must be obtained from LMW prior to carting for any purpose.

#### Plant Nurseries and Market Gardens

Water must not be used for watering any garden, plant stock, seeds or produce; except:

If written permission from the Authority is obtained

Visit our website for more information [www.lmw.vic.gov.au](http://www.lmw.vic.gov.au)



### CONGRATULATIONS LMW CUSTOMERS!

#### Water consumption decreases significantly in region

Water use in May for the region has decreased significantly with the implementation of staged water restrictions.

When compared to the 2005/06 figures water consumption in May has decreased by 30%. In May 2007 800ML was pumped across the region which is 346ML less than May 06.

What is encouraging for LMW is that the pumping figures show that customers are adhering to staged restrictions.

Overall this year 1,621ML of water has been saved when compared to last season. Consumers in the region had used 17,726ML compared to 19,248ML last year. **This equates to saving filling the Mildura Swimming Pool 1621 times!** Well done!



### Don't waste a DROP!

**Leaving the tap running while brushing teeth uses about 5 litres of water**

**A garden sprinkler uses about 1,000 litres of water an hour**

**A dripping tap can waste up to 200 litres a day**

**Having a 5 minute shower with an older style shower rose uses about 36,000 litres of water a year.**



For Information on water restrictions or to report a breach please call

**03 5051 0799**

**Make every drop count**

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## Great ideas to help you save water

### How can I keep my garden alive?

We all love our gardens and want to do everything possible to keep them alive. So what are the options?

#### USE A BUCKET (suggestions above)

##### GREYWATER DIVERSION

After a bucket, the next simplest thing is to connect a grey water diverter to your outdoor piping and collect the water into a large container

##### PERMANENT GREYWATER SYSTEMS

Permanent greywater systems must be installed by a license plumber. These systems require approval from your local council.

Note: greywater must be used within 24 hours of collection unless it has been treated. For further information contact the EPA on [www.epa.vic.gov.au/water](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/water)

##### RAINWATER HARVESTING

When it comes to watering your garden, harvested rainwater is a great option. These days, there are lots of products to choose from in a variety of colours and materials.

For more information on sustaining your garden in dry times visit [www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au)



## Great Greywater Giveaway Helping YOU to save water!

In conjunction with Stage 3 and 4 water restrictions for all Lower Murray Water customers, LMW has started the "Great Greywater Giveaway" Promotion to encourage a better understanding, and more use of greywater. This is even more important now with the notification of moving to Stage 4 restrictions.

The "Great Greywater Giveaway" pack includes a 10m greywater diversion hose with connector; a box of Planet Ark's 'Aware' no Phosphorous, low salt washing powder; brochures and information on Greywater use and other recycling tips, all contained in a 12L square bucket. Additional items may be added to the packs at LMW's discretion.

The promotion will be conducted over four draws, with a fifth draw held if there are packs that have not been collected during Draws 1-4. Draw dates are:

Draw 2 opens at 9am Monday 17th June closes at 5pm on Friday 29th Jun

Draw 3 opens at 9am on Monday 2nd July; closes at 5pm on Friday 13th July

Draw 4 opens at 9am on Monday 16th July; closes at 5pm on Friday 27th July

For full competition terms and conditions, and your chance to win one of the "Great Greywater Giveaway" packs, please refer to the Official Entry Form available at [www.lmw.vic.gov.au](http://www.lmw.vic.gov.au)



**By following our simple water saving tips, you can help to conserve water for our long term benefit.**

For more information visit our website:

<http://www.lmw.vic.gov.au>

Other useful links

**Sustainable Gardening Australia**

[www.sgaonline.org.au](http://www.sgaonline.org.au)

**Savewater**

[www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au)

**Green Plumbers**

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