

# Permanent Water Saving Rules

## Fact Sheet

Watering Systems Can Be Used

6.00pm - 10.00am

On Any Day

### Hand-held Hose

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

### Watering Systems

**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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Exemptions

For information on exemptions to Permanent Water Saving Rules please refer to the Permanent Water Saving Plan on our website or contact our office for further information.

### 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 and Permanent Water Saving Rules.

These rules apply in all Lower Murray Water potable water supply districts.