

# PERMANENT

# Water Use Rules are now in place...

A common sense approach to every day use of drinking water.

Hand held hoses must be fitted with a trigger nozzle and be leak free

## Residential and commercial gardens and lawns

### Hand watering

You can water residential or commercial gardens and lawns at any time, on any day using a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

### Watering systems

You can water gardens and lawns using a watering system (manual, automatic, spray or dripper) only between 6 pm – 10 am, any day of the week.

## Public gardens, lawns and playing surfaces

### Hand watering

Public gardens, lawns and playing surfaces can be watered at any time, on any day using a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

### Watering systems

Public gardens, lawns and playing surfaces can use a watering system between 6 pm – 10 am, any day of the week or be watered in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

*Watering systems for public gardens or lawns must be fitted with a rain or soil moisture sensor.*

## Hosing down of hard surfaces

You cannot hose down hard surfaces including driveways, paths, concrete, tiles, timber decking and other paved areas *except where cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency.*

You can use a high pressure cleaning unit, or if such a unit is not available, a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or a bucket to remove stains from hard surfaces once a season (every three months). You can also use a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle in the course of construction or renovation.

## Window washing

You can wash windows with a bucket, high pressure cleaning unit or a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time.

## Vehicle washing

You can wash your car, boat or other vehicle at home using a high pressure cleaning unit, a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or a bucket at any time.

## Pools and spas

You can fill or top up pools and spas.

## Fountains and water features

You can fill and operate your fountain or water feature as long as it recirculates the water.

## Exemptions

There are a number of exemptions that apply automatically. These exemptions exist for specific circumstances such as the testing of irrigation systems for leaks, watering in fertilisers in gardens and lawns, and cleaning paved areas around public pools.

There are also some exemptions available that you must apply for.

*See over for more details.*

These rules do not apply to the use of recycled, reclaimed, rain or grey water except where it is supplemented in any way by drinking water.

For a full set of the Permanent Water Use Rules or information on exemptions contact your water retailer.

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# Water Use Rules

## Automatic exemptions – no application required

The following uses of water are exempt from Permanent Water Use Rules and do not require an application to your water retailer.

### Applying fertilisers and testing irrigation systems for existing gardens and lawns

Watering systems may be used to water gardens and lawns:

- during and/or immediately after the application of fertilisers, when this is the only practical time available to undertake this activity, or is the manufacturer's recommended application timeframe; or
- to test irrigation systems for leaks and/or correct operation.

### Miscellaneous

Watering systems may be used for occupational health and safety purposes to limit/suppress dust as a result of construction/reconstruction/renovation activities or limit/suppress dust during motocross, equestrian and similar events for the safety of participants, spectators and surrounding neighbours.

## Exemptions available by application

The following uses of water are exempt from Permanent Water Use Rules and on application to your water retailer will be granted an approval.

### New warm season grass lawns

Watering systems may be used to water new warm season grass lawns as required to suit weather conditions for up to the first 28 days after installation. Visit [www.warmseasongrass.com.au](http://www.warmseasongrass.com.au) and follow the prompts to obtain an automatic approval certificate.

### Maintaining sporting grounds/recreational areas

Watering systems may be used outside the prescribed watering times with a Water Use Plan approved by your local water retailer.

**For details or information on commercial water use visit your local water retailer's website.**