

Water saving is common sense

Permanent Water Saving Rules (PWSR) are a set of common sense water use rules that apply at all times when water restrictions are not in place.

All towns within our region have PWSR in place.

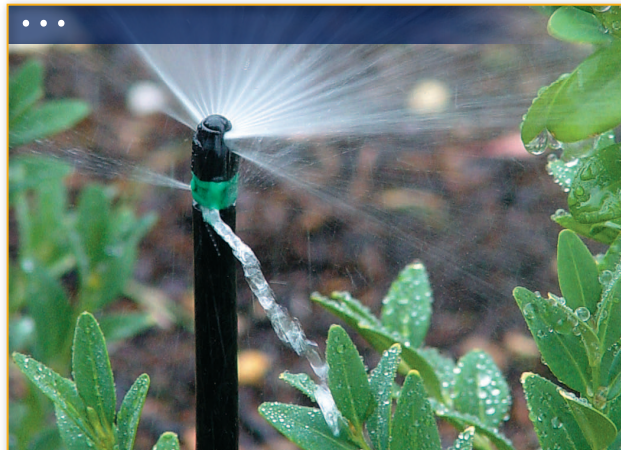
- › This brochure provides a summary of Permanent Water Saving Rules.
- › A full version of our Permanent Water Savings Plan is available on our website.

There are five simple rules you need to know...



Answers to some frequently asked questions

- › Permanent Water Saving Rules do not impact on your use of grey water, reclaimed water, stormwater or rainwater. These can be used at anytime.
- › Lawns, both existing and newly laid turf, can be watered with a hand-held hose at any time as long as the hose is fitted with a flow shut-off device or a trigger nozzle.
Watering systems can also be used any day of the week between the hours of 6pm and 10am.
- › If you are establishing new turf and are unsure if you need an exemption, please contact us.



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A guide to Permanent Water Saving Rules

PERMANENT WATER SAVING RULES APPLY AT ALL
TIMES WHEN RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT IN PLACE



1.



Trigger Nozzle

Water from a hand-held hose can be used at any time as long as the hose is leak free and fitted with a trigger nozzle.

2.



Watering Systems

Watering systems can be used for residential or commercial garden or lawn areas between the hours of **6pm and 10am** on any day. A hand-held hose, bucket or watering can may be used at any time.

3.



Public Spaces

A public garden, lawn or playing surface can be watered:

- › by means of a watering system fitted with a rain or soil moisture sensor between the hours of **6pm and 10am** on any day; or
- › with a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time; or
- › in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

4.



Water Features

Water can be used in a fountain or a water feature where the water is recirculated.

5.



Hard Surfaces

A high pressured water cleaning device, hand-held hose or bucket can be used to clean hard surfaces:

- › where cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency; or
- › if staining to the surface has developed and then only once every three months; or
- › in the course of construction or renovation.

A few definitions to help explain words and terms:

- › **Construction or renovation** › construction or renovation works on any building or structure.
- › **Fountain or water feature** › any (indoor or outdoor) ornamental fountain or water feature of any capacity that projects, circulates or moves water, or otherwise causes water to flow, for an aesthetic or decorative purpose.
- › **Garden area** › any land upon which vegetation of any kind, including trees, other than lawn, grows or is cultivated, for other than commercial purposes.
- › **Hand-held hose** › a hose that is held by hand when used.
- › **Hard surface** › includes any courtyard, decking, footpath, driveway or other external area, with a concrete, asphalt, brick, tile, bitumen, timber or similar impervious surface.
- › **High pressure water cleaning device** › a machine which has a pump to increase the pressure of water delivered from a trigger nozzle, at a rate of no greater than nine litres per minute, forming part of the device, but does not include a hand-held hose.
- › **Lawn area** › any land, grassed or sown with grass seed, but excludes any playing surface.
- › **Playing surface** › any outdoor area used or capable of being used for any organised sport or recreation.
- › **Public spaces** › public gardens, lawns and playing surfaces.
- › **Trigger nozzle** › a nozzle controlled by:
 - a trigger which must be continuously, or locked in the 'on' position by hand, for water to flow; or
 - has a switch which can be turned on and off by hand, with a single movement.
- › **Watering system** › This means:
 - (a) An automatic watering system that is set to turn on and off automatically, at predetermined times, without human intervention and, in the case of use for a public lawn, garden or playing surface, is also fitted with a rain or soil moisture sensor; or
 - (b) An automatic watering system that is operated manually, rather than automatically; or
 - (c) A manual watering system.
- › **Water** › water supplied by Coliban Water but does not include recycled or reclaimed water, greywater, stormwater or rainwater.
- › **Water Use Plan** › a document, in writing (*or by plans*), prepared to the satisfaction of Coliban Water which governs the use of water for specified purposes, and for the specified stage of restrictions.