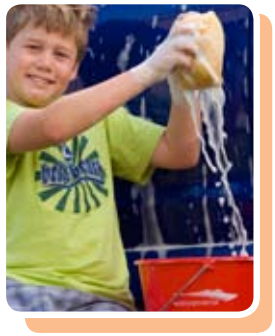
Water Tanks

Install a water tank at your house. Use it to water your garden or connect it to the toilet or laundry so you can use your tank water all year round.

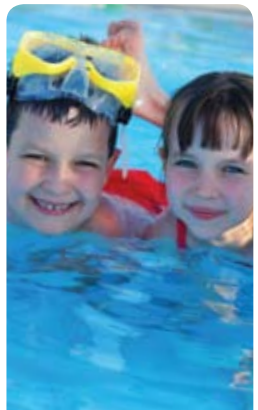
Washing the Car, Boat or Caravan



- Use a bucket and sponge to wash the car, boat or caravan. Use a hose (with a trigger nozzle attached) for rinsing. *
- Wash the car, boat or caravan on the lawn instead of the driveway. *

Swimming Pools

- Cover your pool to reduce evaporation, retain warmth and keep out leaves and dirt. Up to 200 litres of water per day can be lost because of evaporation from a typical in-ground pool.
- Accept some fluctuation in pool level due to evaporation and rainfall. They will often compensate for each other, meaning topping up with the hose can be avoided.
- Check the pool for leaks.
- Under Permanent Water Saving Measures, you must apply to Wannon Water before filling a pool or spa with a capacity of 10,000 litres or greater for the first time. You must include details of measures that will be undertaken to provide water savings to offset the volumes used in filling. *



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Be watersmart outside your home

Reduce your water usage by adopting a few simple tips outside the home

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A little water can go a long way, yet water is often wasted outside the home. Being water smart outside the home can reduce your water account and save you time in maintaining your property.

The Lawn

- Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, it needs watering.
- Deep-soak your lawn. While giving the lawn a quick drink every night may be good therapy, it makes the grass shallow-rooted and dependent on frequent watering. Water your lawn less frequently but give it a good watering to enable moisture to soak deep into the soil.
- Reduce your lawn area by replacing it with paved areas or ground-covering plants. This will save water and reduce your mowing time.
- Check your local nursery for a suitable drought-tolerant lawn grass for your area.
- Give the lawn a feed periodically, but do not over-fertilise.
- Aerate the soil to allow water to be absorbed more easily and raise your mower blades to allow the lawn to grow higher. Taller grass is better at retaining water.
- Use a timer with your sprinkler. A forgotten sprinkler wastes more than 1,000 litres per hour!

Outside Taps

Regularly check all taps, washers and pipes for leaks.

The Yard

- Under Permanent Water Saving Measures, sprinkler systems can only be used between 8pm and 10am.* Use your hose carefully - squirting water around pointlessly can waste over 1,000 litres per hour.

  You can use a trigger nozzle on your hose any time during the day to water the garden.*

- Driveways, footpaths and paved areas must ***not*** be cleaned with a hose – a broom is quicker and more efficient than hosing.

  A hose can only be used in the event of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency, or construction or renovation work to the surface.

- Install a compost bin. Compost improves the structure of your soil by increasing the capacity of sandy soils to hold moisture and allowing better penetration of water into heavy clay soils.

**** PLEASE NOTE:***
Other watering rules apply for towns under water restrictions.

The Garden

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- Toughen up your plants by waiting until the soil dries out before watering. Too many plants are pampered to the point where they are totally dependent on your care.
- Pot plants use a lot more water than plants in the ground. When watering your pot plants, dunk them in a bucket for a few seconds until the bubbles disappear, then take them out and let them drain, ideally back into a container so that the excess water can be re-used.

- Water during the cooler parts of the day. Avoid watering on windy days. Water the roots, not the leaves. Watering the leaves of trees and shrubs increases water loss through evaporation.
- Don't water the road or footpaths. Position your sprinkler (when permitted) on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.
- Under Permanent Water Saving Measures you must attach a trigger nozzle when using a hose and only use watering systems between 8pm and 10am. A watering-can or bucket can be used at any time. Watering systems installed from 1 July 2006 must be fitted with a rain sensor, evaporation device, weather station or soil moisture sensor as part of the control system.*
- Only operate and install a fountain that recycles water. *

See our 'Waterwise & Native Gardens' brochure for more hints on saving water in your garden.

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