



Spring 2006

Stage 4 Water Restrictions

From September 1 2006, Stage 4 Water Restrictions will apply in the following towns and suburbs:

Axedale, Bendigo, Campbells Creek, Castlemaine, Chewton, Eaglehawk, Elphinstone, Epsom, Fryerstown, Goornong, Guildford, Harcourt, Heathcote, Huntly, Kangaroo Flat, Kyneton, Maiden Gully, Maldon, Malmsbury, Marong, Newstead, Raywood, Strathfieldsaye, Sebastian, Taradale, Tooborac and Tylden.

With the continuing drought and water shortages at seriously low levels, we ask that water be used wisely.

Drain Testing

Although not mandatory, when testing property service sewerage drains, Coliban Water would prefer you to carry out an air test on the drain wherever possible, to save water.

Why not make your own air testing kit?

The equipment needed for air testing:

- 100mm testing plug with 15mm male thread outlet
- 15mm gal tee
- 15mm x 6mm gal reducing bush
- 15mm gal hex nipple
- 15mm F&F ball valve
- 15mm x 20mm gal hex nipple
- 0-100pa oil-filled gauge, stainless steel case, 63mm face with 6mm center bottom entry.

Property Sewerage Plans

Casey Services (Aust) manage Coliban Water's Property Sewerage Plans, and as a "Condition of Connection" under Section 221ZO of the Building Act (Vic) 1993, it is a requirement to lodge updated property service sewerage plans as soon as possible after completing the work.

Your assistance with the prompt return of the property service sewerage plans assists Casey to maintain a database of up to date accurate information for you and your clients when you next require a current plan.

Details should be drawn as follows:

- Drain should be documented on the plan or screen print, or
- Document the drain details on a sheet of paper providing appropriate measurements and fixtures, and showing the outline of the property and premises.

Please insert the full property address as well as the **Property Number** on the plan. (The property number can be found on the lower left portion of the '**Application for Connection**' form.)

Single Check Detector Valve and Fire Service



Coliban Water requires a Single Check Detector Valve be fitted to all new and retrofitted to existing fire services larger than 50mm.

A single Check Detector Valve is a spring loaded non-return valve fitted on fire services at the property boundary.

All single Check Detector Valves must be fitted with a 20mm or larger bypass meter for the detection of low flows through the fire service. The meter will detect any unauthorised use of the fire service or leaking pipe work.

As constructed sewerage plants should be returned to:

Casey Services (Aust)
104 Glen Iris Road
GLEN IRIS VIC 3146
FAX: 9889 6806 or 9889 6048

Plans can be obtained from Quick Connect outlets or directly from Casey – phone 9889 5640 or 9889 3647. A fee applies.

Fire Services

What is a Fire Service?

Fire Services are incorporated within all non-residential and large residential properties for the sole purpose of fighting fires. They form part of the building infrastructure and are therefore the responsibility of the property owner.

Can the Fire Service be used for purposes other than fighting fires?

No – A fire service is provided for the sole purpose of fire fighting and is for emergency use only. It is not to be used to augment the general service, or for construction purposes.

Water Meters

General

All water services supplying properties for domestic or general usage must be metered. Water meters remain the property of Coliban Water at all times and are maintained and changed periodically at no cost to the owner.

Be sure you have the correct water meter for the job

There have been several occasions where the plumber has not installed the water meter issued for the property. All water meters have a serial number.

This number must correspond with the serial number which is shown on the plumbers P.I.C. form, which is issued at the time of application.

It is the plumber's responsibility to install the correct water meter issued for the property.

Positioning of Water Meters

1. Water Meters must be installed within 2 meters of the property boundary. The meter assembly shall be located and

2. Water Meters must have a minimum ground clearance of 150mm, and must not have concrete surrounds that would restrict the movement of the vertical riser pipes.

3. Water Meters installed in pits below ground level must have suitable drainage so as ponding will not occur.

4. All Water Meters must be accessible at all times for reading and maintenance.

Return of Meters

When a water service is to be cut and sealed (disconnected from the water main), the meter is to be returned to Coliban Water for a final reading. Failure to return the water meter will result in fees and charges continuing to apply to the property.

Backflow Prevention

Coliban Water is committed to supplying the highest quality water to our customers. Through on-going maintenance and water quality improvement initiatives, we are proud to deliver water of exceptional purity and quality. Backflow prevention is an integral part of our water quality program.

Backflow occurs when water flows backwards from a customer's premises through the meter into the water reticulation main. This backflow may contain hazardous chemicals or undesirable substances that can contaminate the potable (treated) water supply.

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that no backflow occurs through their water meter. It is possible that those customers affected by any backflow contamination may seek compensation from its source. Coliban Water may also seek compensation for the costs associated with decontaminating and restoring the potable supply.

Casey Services (Aust) Pty Ltd act as our agents for the collection of test data for testable backflow prevention devices. Test reports can be faxed directly to Casey Services (Aust) Pty Ltd on (03) 9889 6806 or post to Casey Services (Aust) Pty Ltd, 104 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris VIC 3146.

Backflow Prevention Training Course...Interested?

Plumbers interested in attending a local training course for Backflow Prevention Endorsement should contact John Rusbridge on (03) 5434 1207 or mobile on 0419 765 865 as soon as possible.