

USING RECYCLED WATER SAFELY

What can I use recycled water for?

- ✓ Toilet flushing
- ✓ Garden watering, including vegetable gardens
- ✓ General outdoor uses, such as car washing
- ✓ Irrigation of pasture, human food crops and non-food crops
- ✓ Livestock (except pigs) and pet drinking water
- ✓ Firefighting and fire protection systems
- ✓ Ornamental ponds and water features, that are not used for swimming

Recycled water **should NOT** be used for:

- ✗ Drinking (human)
- ✗ Cooking or other kitchen purposes
- ✗ Bathing or showering
- ✗ Filling swimming pools or spas
- ✗ Children's water toys
- ✗ Any and all uses involving contact with pigs

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About Coliban Water recycled water

Coliban Water is committed to helping our customers make the most of the recycled water we produce.

Our community is already using recycled water for parks, gardens, sporting grounds, school ovals and for some rural irrigation, thus saving the precious drinking water once used for these purposes.

We have invested heavily in projects such as the Bendigo Recycled Water Project Scheme.

Hundreds of new residences in some new development areas of Bendigo will have access to a '3rd Pipe' recycled water supply to take advantage of this additional source of water for toilet flushing, garden watering and general outdoor use.

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RECYCLED WATER FACT SHEET 1

Recycled water – getting connected

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Recycled water is supplied to homes through a separate pipe network which is coloured purple for easy identification.

Your builder or plumber will apply for a connection, as they do for drinking water connections. Your recycled water plumbing will then be checked at three stages of fitting to ensure that it is properly installed.

The Plumbing Industry Commission inspects all houses during the construction phase to ensure that recycled water and drinking water pipes have been plumbed correctly.

For more information on recycled water, visit our website at www.coliban.com.au or contact our Customer Contact Centre on 1300 363 200.

Recycled water plumbing

Your plumber must connect your toilet to the recycled water supply. It will be a condition of connection that you must have a recycled water tap in your front and backyard. You will also need to have at least one drinking water tap outside. We recommend you have a drinking water tap at the front and back of your house. If you plan to have a pool, you will need a drinking water tap in your back yard for your pool.

If your recycled connection is locked-up with a box, this means your plumber has not yet completed all the tasks required by the Plumbing Industry Commission. If you are about to move into your new home and the lock box is still in place, contact your builder or plumber.



Meters

Properties supplied with recycled water will have two meters which will sit side by side, 300mm apart. The recycled water meter will be purple. When planning your driveways and landscaping, you should make allowances for two meters at the front of the property.

Signs

The *Recycled Water Do Not Drink* signs on each purple tap have a limited life span due to sunlight and wear and tear. Once they deteriorate, it is your responsibility to replace these. New signs can be purchased from plumbing suppliers and are not expensive.

