

## 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 Scheme Project (incorporating a recycled water factory and pipeline).

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 2

# Recycled water responsibilities – yours and ours

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For more information on recycled water, visit our website at [www.coliban.com.au](http://www.coliban.com.au) or contact our Customer Contact Centre on 1300 363 200.

## Coliban Water is responsible for:

- › Developing a Health and Environmental Management Plan (HEMP) for approval by EPA Victoria and the Department of Health before providing recycled water to customers.
- › Identifying and assessing the risks involved in the delivery and use of recycled water as part of the Health and Environmental Management Plan.
- › Supplying recycled water that meets the standards set by the regulators.
- › Regularly monitoring the quality of recycled water at points throughout the distribution system.
- › Providing information to customers on the appropriate uses for recycled water.
- › Maintaining and repairing the recycled water system up to the property water meter.

## Customers are responsible for:

- › Maintaining appropriate signs above your recycled water taps, ensuring that they are easy to see and read. It is your responsibility to replace any missing or damaged signs.
- › Informing visitors and family members about appropriate uses of the recycled water system.
- › Ensuring that all plumbing work on your property is carried out by a licensed plumber and that they are aware that your property is connected to recycled water.
- › Using approved recycled water taps with removable handles to prevent children accidentally misusing recycled water. Remove the recycled water tap handles when not in use to safeguard from theft.
- › Performing an annual cross connection check. To find out how, read our *Plumbing self-check test* fact sheet.