


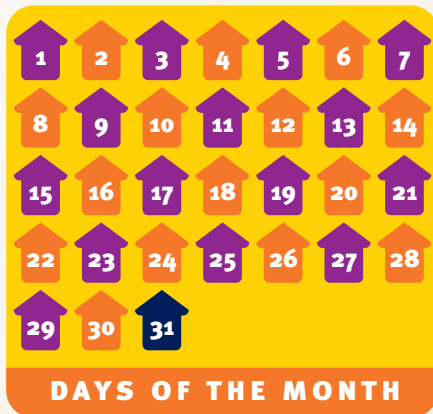


> ODDS AND EVENS WATERING CALENDAR

 **Odd numbered properties**
Water on Odd numbered days

 **Even and un-numbered**
Water on Even numbered days

 Anyone can water on the 31st



*This 'Odds and Evens' watering system applies to customers on Permanent Water Saving Rules.

> Water Restrictions

A new water restrictions by-law is effective in Victoria from July 1, 2006. This will introduce consistency in water restriction levels and definitions used by all water authorities.

Permanent Water Saving Rules are not part of the by-law, but apply at all times when water restrictions are not in place.

> Definitions

A few important definitions for Permanent Water Saving Rules words and terms:

- > **Paved area** > any hard surface such as a footpath, driveway, patio, path, wall, roadway and any other paved (concrete, asphalt, brick, tile, bitumen or similar) surface.
- > **Vehicle** > includes motorbike, motor vehicle, trailer, tram, air cushion vehicle, train, bus, boat (excluding the motor) or aircraft.
- > **Flow shut-off device** > means a device that enables the flow of water to be totally shut off.
- > **Trigger nozzle** > a nozzle attached to a hand-held hose that:
 - must be depressed continuously, held in the 'on' position by hand for water to flow; or
 - has a discreet switch which can be turned on and off by hand, with a single movement.
- > **Construction** > includes erecting, altering, demolishing or removing any building, structure or civil engineering or other work, and any associated on-site or off-site activity.
- > **Fountain** > includes any indoor or outdoor ornamental fountain or water feature.
- > **Automatic watering system** > means a watering system capable of being set to turn on and off automatically, at pre-determined times, without human intervention.



> SAVING WATER IS THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

> Whether you're in the midst of heavy winter rainfall or dry summer days, the Permanent Water Saving Rules are the new Australian way when water restrictions are not in place.



> A NEW ERA IN WATER SAVING

> Dear Coliban Water Customers

As we move out of water restrictions in our region we move onto Permanent Water Saving Rules. These common-sense rules are both responsible and practical water saving actions.

Public education and water restrictions in recent dry years have raised our awareness of the value of water and the importance of water saving where we can.

Our challenge as water restrictions are lifted is to continue to be conscious of how we use water and to change our usage habits forever.

Success is a matter of making a few simple actions part of our everyday routine, just like wearing a seat belt in your car or putting on a bike helmet before you go for a ride. These are actions we no longer consciously think about doing — they have become second nature. So will the Permanent Water Saving Rules.

From July 1, 2006 Permanent Water Saving Rules will **apply at all times** in the Coliban Water region when water restrictions are not in place.



Gordon McKern
Chairman



> PERMANENT WATER SAVING RULES



> Gardens and lawns

Applies to private gardens, public gardens, sports grounds/recreational areas:

- > Use a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle, watering can or bucket to water gardens or lawns at any time.
- > A sprinkler, micro spray, drip system or any other watering system can only be used on alternate days before 10am and after 5pm — use the **Odds and Evens** watering system.*
- > All automatic watering systems installed from **1 July 2006** must have a rain sensor or soil moisture sensor as part of their control system.



> Vehicles

Hoses used to clean a vehicle by hand must be fitted with a flow shut-off device.



> Paved areas

Paved areas can only be cleaned using water from a hose in the event:

- > of an accident, fire, health or safety hazard, or other emergency; or
- > the paved area is under construction or renovation.



> Construction industry

Hoses must be fitted with flow shut-off devices.



> Fountains

Fountains not recirculating water must not operate.

Permanent Water Saving Rules can be enforced and anyone found in breach can be liable for fines. More information can be obtained from www.coliban.com.au