

› SOME DEFINITIONS...

A FEW DEFINITIONS TO HELP EXPLAIN WORDS AND TERMS:

- › **Construction or renovation** › means construction or renovation works on any building or structure.
- › **Fountain or water feature** › means any (indoor or outdoor) ornamental fountain or water feature of any capacity that projects, circulates or moves water, or otherwise causes water to flow, for an aesthetic or decorative purpose.
- › **Garden area** › any land upon which vegetation of any kind, including trees, other than lawn, grows or is cultivated, for other than commercial purposes.
- › **Hand-held hose** › a hose that is held by hand when used.
- › **Hard surface** › includes any courtyard, decking, footpath, driveway or other external area, with a concrete, asphalt, brick, tile, bitumen, timber or similar impervious surface.
- › **High pressure water cleaning device** › a machine which has a pump to increase the pressure of water delivered from a trigger nozzle, at a rate of no greater than nine litres per minute, forming part of the device, but does not include a hand-held hose.
- › **Lawn area** › any land, grassed or sown with grass seed but excludes any playing surface.
- › **Playing surface** › any outdoor area used or capable of being used for any organised sport or recreation.

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- › **Trigger nozzle** › means a nozzle controlled by:
 - a trigger which must be continuously, or locked in the 'on' position by hand for water to flow; or
 - has a switch which can be turned on and off by hand, with a single movement.
- › **Watering system** › This means:
 - (a) An automatic watering system that is set to turn on and off automatically, at predetermined times, without human intervention and, in the case of use for a public lawn, garden or playing surface, is also fitted with a rain or soil moisture sensor; or
 - (b) An automatic watering system that is operated manually, rather than automatically; or
 - (c) A manual watering system.
- › **Water** › means water supplied by Coliban Water but does not include recycled or reclaimed water, greywater, stormwater or rainwater.
- › **Water Use Plan** › a document, in writing (*or by plans*), prepared to the satisfaction of Coliban Water which governs the use of Water for specified purposes, and for the specified stage of restrictions.

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

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››› A GUIDE TO NEW PERMANENT WATER SAVING RULES

NEW RULES EFFECTIVE FROM 16 DECEMBER 2011

››› PERMANENT WATER SAVING RULES APPLY AT ALL TIMES WHEN RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT IN PLACE



› WATER SAVING FOR ALWAYS

This brochure is a summary of the new **Permanent Water Saving Rules** from 16 December 2011.

In March 2011 the Victorian Government announced a state-wide review of Permanent Water Saving Rules.

- › Some aims of the review were to ensure:
 - efficient use of water and avoid wastage;
 - customer choice and flexibility; and
 - rule consistency across Victoria.

There's still a set of five simple rules that apply at all times when water restrictions are not in place.

The major changes for our region are watering times for watering systems are now between 6pm and 10am on any day. A full version of our Permanent Water Savings Plan is available on our website.

Please read the five simple rules that follow for more information.

› FIVE SIMPLE RULES...



1. Hand-Held Hose

Water from a hand-held hose must not be used for any purpose (whether or not the use is subject to a permanent water saving rule) at any time unless the hose:

- › is fitted with a trigger nozzle; and
- › is leak free.



2. Residential or Commercial Gardens and Lawns

A residential or commercial garden or lawn area can only be watered:

- › with a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time; or
- › by means of a watering system between the hours of 6pm and 10am on any day.



3. Public Gardens, Lawns and Playing Surfaces

A public garden, lawn or playing surface can only be watered:

- › with a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time; or
- › by means of a watering system fitted with a rain or soil moisture sensor between the hours of 6pm and 10am on any day; or
- › in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.



4. Fountains and Water Features

Water can only be used in a fountain or a water feature where water is recirculated.



5. Cleaning of hard surfaces

Water can only be used to clean hard surfaces:

- › where cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency; or
- › if staining to the surface has developed and then only once a season; or
- › in the course of construction or renovation,

And then only by means of a high pressured water cleaning device or if not available, a hand-held hose or bucket.

