

Coliban System (Northern) consists of: Bendigo, Heathcote, Raywood, Sebastian and Tooborac. (These customers can be supplied by the main Coliban storages, % share of Lake Eppalock and the Goldfields Superpipe.)

All of our supply systems have different sources of water and supply constraints. Please ensure you read the update relevant to your town.

We welcome your feedback on these updates to ensure we are providing information that is relevant and useful. Send your suggestions and feedback to our postal address: 37-45 Bridge Street, Bendigo 3550 or e-mail to: publicaffairs@coliban.com.au

What we need for customer supply

Residential customers	Business and industry	Operational water**	Total (Megalitres)
10,500ML	4,000ML	8,000ML	22,500ML

Water needs for 12 months based on current Stage 4 (general exemption)

For all current water restriction levels refer to - www.coliban.com.au

** Operational water includes all losses eg. evaporation, system losses, seepage and treatment process losses.

What we currently have in storage

Our storages (Upper Coliban, Lauriston, Malmsbury and all holding basins)	Lake Eppalock (our share)	Goulburn system water*	Urban trade water	Total (Megalitres)
10,651ML	10,516ML	13,270ML	254ML	34,691ML

*Water remaining from 3000ML carryover from 2007 season, 5000ML from Ministerial Qualification water quality reserve, Goulburn system allocations of 7418ML and 9922ML from temporary water purchases.

Additional water source information

Water entitlement

Goulburn system entitlement	Current allocation available	Water allocation volume
22,480ML	33%	7,418ML

Historical information on Coliban storage inflows

Long Term Average inflows for March	10 year average March inflows	Inflows for month of March last year	Inflows for March this year
868ML	0ML	0ML	0ML

Further information

The Bendigo region received 26.8mm rainfall in March which is well below the average of 36mm for the month. Inflows into our Upper Coliban, Lauriston and Malmsbury storages were less than the evaporation and seepage losses in March.

Water restrictions and rural season outlook

Our storage volumes continue to remain low with poor inflow recorded to date. The current allocation in the Goulburn system is 33%. Coliban Water has also purchased 9922ML temporary water to enable Bendigo and Heathcote urban areas to move to Stage 3 restrictions. Raywood and Sebastian remain on Stage 4 (GE) water restriction.

	Water Restriction outlook		Rural Season allocation outlook	
	June	August	June	August
Wet	Stage 3	Stage 3	EWS*	0%
Average	Stage 3	Stage 3	EWS*	0%
Dry	Stage 3	Stage 3	EWS*	0%

The Outlook is based on inflows to storages as experienced over the past 10 years. Currently we are in dry conditions.

Wet Inflow conditions that have 1 in 10 chance of being exceeded
 Average Inflow conditions that have 5 in 10 chance of being exceeded
 Dry Inflow conditions that have 9 in 10 chance of being exceeded
 *EWS Emergency Water Supply

Consumption - actual versus forecast

The graph below indicates the actual demand in the Coliban Northern system compared with the predicted demand for Stage 3 and Stage 4 General Exemption.

Coliban System (Northern) monthly actual demand for March was same as forecast demand. Total consumption to date for 2008/09 is 6739ML and is 42ML higher than the forecast demand.

