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## Water Act 1989

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 170A

#### Introduction of a Permanent Water Saving Plan

From 1am, December 1, 2005, a Permanent Water Saving Plan (Plan) will be introduced by Barwon Region Water Authority (trading as Barwon Water) and will apply within the water supply districts of Barwon Water.

The following restrictions and prohibitions contained in the Plan will apply from 1am, December 9, 2005:

#### **Residential or Commercial Gardens\***

\* This term includes lawns.

- a) An automatic watering system:
  - i) must not be used except between the hours of 10pm and 10am on any day of the week; and
  - ii) which is installed on or after September 1, 2006, must not be used unless it is fitted with either a rain sensor, soil moisture sensor, evapotranspiration device, weather station or equivalent device, as part of the control system.
- b) A manual watering system must not be used, except between 8pm and 10am on any day of the week.
- c) No restriction applies to using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering-can or a bucket, at any time.

#### **Public Gardens\* and Sports Grounds/Recreational Areas**

\* This term includes lawns.

- a) An automatic watering system:
  - i) must not be used, except between 10pm and 10am on any day of the week; and
  - ii) must not be used on or after September 1, 2006, unless it is fitted with either a rain sensor, soil moisture sensor, evapotranspiration device, weather station or equivalent device, as part of the control system.
- b) A manual watering system must not be used, except between 8pm and 10am on any day of the week.
- c) No restriction applies to using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering-can or a bucket, at any time.

#### **Fountains**

- a) A fountain which does not re-circulate water must not be operated.
- b) No restriction applies to topping up a fountain at any time, provided that no more water than is necessary for that purpose is used.

#### **Wholesale, Retail and Municipal Garden Nurseries**

No restriction or prohibition applies to the watering of plants of any description (including vegetables).

**SPECIAL**

**Vehicles Cleaning (All vehicles)**

- a) A hand-held hose must not be used at any time to clean a vehicle unless it is fitted with a trigger nozzle.
- b) A hand-held hose must not be used to flush a boat motor, unless it is fitted with an appropriate flushing device designed for that purpose.
- c) No restriction applies to using a bucket.

**Paved Areas – Cleaning**

A paved area must not be cleaned with water from a hose unless cleaning is required as a result of:

- a) an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency
- b) an identifiable safety hazard that has developed and a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or a high pressure water cleaning device is used
- c) staining to the surface that has developed, and a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or a high pressure water cleaning device is used, and then only once per season
- d) construction or renovation work to the surface and a high pressure water cleaning device is used.

**Construction Industry**

A hose must not be used unless it is:

- a) fitted with a trigger nozzle; and
- b) is in good condition and does not leak.

**Swimming Pools**

A pool or spa with a capacity of 2,000 litres or greater must not be filled for the first time unless:

- a) an application which includes details of measures that have been, or will be, undertaken to provide water savings to offset the volume used in filling, has been lodged with Barwon Water; and
- b) the application has been approved by Barwon Water, subject to such conditions as it may impose; and
- c) every such condition is complied with.

Persons who fail to comply with the Plan are liable to a maximum penalty of 10 penalty units for a first offence and 20 penalty units for a subsequent offence. Continuing offences may incur additional penalties of 2 penalty units per day for each day on which the offence continues.

For further information on the Plan and variations, please visit Barwon Water's website at [www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au) or contact us on 1300 656 007.

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