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Western Water By Law 01/1
Removal of Water Restrictions

As at 1am, 1 March 2005, Water Restrictions will be removed in all areas serviced by Western Water except Myrniong which will remain on Modified Stage Four Restrictions.

Water Act 1989

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 170A

Introduction of Permanent Water Saving Plan

From 1 am, on 1 March 2005, restrictions and prohibitions included in the Permanent Water Saving Rules (Rules) contained in the Permanent Water Saving Plan will be imposed by Western Region Water Authority (trading as Western Water) and apply to the whole of its licensed area.

These restrictions and prohibitions are as follows:

PURPOSE RESTRICTION / PROHIBITION

Residential or Commercial Gardens*

*This term includes lawns

- (a) An automatic watering system:
 - (i) must not be used, except between 10 pm and 10 am on any day of the week; and
 - (ii) which is installed on or after 1 September 2005, 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 8 pm and 10 am 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 10 pm and 10 am on any day of the week; and
 - (ii) which is installed on or after 1 September 2005, 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) On or after 1 September 2006, no automatic watering system may be used unless it is fitted with a device referred to in paragraph (a)(ii).
- (c) A manual watering system must not be used, except between 8 pm and 10 am on any day of the week.
- (d) No restriction applies to using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or a bucket, at any time.

SPECIAL

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 watering of plants of any description (including vegetables).

Vehicle 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:

- (i) an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) 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:

- (i) fitted with a trigger nozzle; and
- (ii) 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:

- (i) 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 Western Water; and
- (ii) the application has been approved by Western Water, subject to such conditions as it may impose; and
- (iii) every such condition is complied with.

An information flier, which outlines Permanent Water Saving Rules will be sent to all affected customers. For further information on the Rules, exemptions and penalties, please visit Western Water's website at www.westernwater.com.au, or contact us on 1300 650 425.

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