

## STAGE 3A WATER RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET

The following provides a summary of key Stage 3A water restrictions. These restrictions apply to the Melbourne metropolitan area only.

### LAWNS

- ◆ Lawns cannot be watered at anytime.

### RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL GARDENS

- ◆ Garden areas (other than lawn) may be watered by a manual dripper system, or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger mechanism, watering cans and buckets between 6am - 8am; or an automated dripper system between midnight and 2am; on specified days only+. Households with at least one resident aged 70 years or over may water their gardens manually on specified watering days between 6am - 8am or 8am - 10am.

### PUBLIC GARDENS

- ◆ Garden areas (other than lawn) may be watered by a manual dripper system between 6am - 10am and 8pm to midnight. Hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger mechanism, watering cans and buckets can be used between 6am - 10am; or an automated dripper system between midnight - 8am; on specified days+.
- ◆ The alternative to the above is that a Public Garden can be watered in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by the local water business.

### SPORTING GROUNDS

- ◆ Generally, 1 in 4 sports grounds as nominated by council can be watered in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by the local water business.
- ◆ Exempt playing surfaces can only be watered in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by the local water business. Exempt playing surfaces include: turf cricket wickets, tennis courts, golf tees and greens (not fairways), bowling greens, hockey pitches, running tracks, croquet greens.

### PAVING, CONCRETE & OTHER HARD SURFACES

- ◆ Hosing banned except for construction purposes or in emergency; or for health or safety hazard.

### VEHICLES

- ◆ Water must not be used to clean a vehicle except by means of:
  - ◆ A commercial car wash that uses 70 litres of water or less per car; or
  - ◆ A bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose) can be used to clean vehicle windows, mirrors and lights; and spot-remove corrosive substances.

## **BOAT MOTORS**

- ◆ A suitable container filled by a hand-held hose can be used to clean outboard boat motors or a flushing device connected to a hose may be used provided the tap is turned off immediately after flushing occurs.

## **RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POOLS AND SPAS**

- ◆ A new pool or spa of any size capacity cannot be filled with drinking water. However they may be filled with an alternative water source such as groundwater.
- ◆ An existing pool or spa of less than 2,000 litres may be filled by means of a watering can or bucket filled directly from the tap.
- ◆ An existing pool or spa of greater than 2,000 litres must not be filled except in accordance with a water conservation plan (contact your local water business for more information).
- ◆ An existing pool or spa must not be topped up except by means of a watering can or bucket, filled directly from the tap (not by means of a hose).

## **INDUSTRY**

- ◆ Businesses using 10 megalitres of water or more per year must complete a water conservation action plan (waterMAPS program).

## **SOLUTIONS**

- ◆ Greywater, rainwater and recycled water can be used at anytime. For guidelines on safe use, visit [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au). Restrictions do not apply to rainwater collected in a storage tank, provided it is not supplemented with drinking water supply

+ Specified day's means Sunday and Wednesday for odd-numbered properties. Saturday and Tuesday's for even-numbered and unnumbered properties. No watering on Monday, Thursday and Friday's.