

SOUTH-EAST PERMANENT WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

HELP CONSERVE THE REGION'S PRECIOUS WATER RESOURCES



Drought conditions across South Australia and an outlook for a hot, dry summer mean we all have to work harder to save water.

While much of the State is on Level 3 water restrictions, SA Water customers in the South-East remain on Permanent Water Conservation Measures introduced in October 2003.

However, you can play an even greater role by being wise with water around your homes, gardens, schools, workplaces or properties.

The information on the back of this flyer is provided to support you in your water saving efforts.

What do the permanent measures mean?

Permanent Water Conservation Measures apply to all use of mains water supplied by SA Water to Bordertown, Padthaway East, Kingston and all areas to the south of these towns. This includes domestic, rural and commercial water use, as well as water use at public facilities such as sports grounds and public gardens.

They do not apply to private bore supplies or effluent reuse schemes, but SA Water encourages bore owners to follow these sensible water use practices.

Failure to comply with these measures can lead to a \$315 expiation notice and ongoing breaches could result in court action and fines of up to \$5000 for individuals or \$10,000 for businesses.

Exemptions and permits may be available under certain circumstances. If in doubt, contact SA Water for details.

Keith and most areas to the north of that town are on Level 3 restrictions. The SA Water website also includes a map and list detailing areas covered by restrictions or permanent measures for your reference.

Permanent measures at a glance

WATERING GARDENS, GROUNDS AND NURSERIES

Public or private gardens, recreational areas, sports grounds or nurseries can be watered:

- By hand (through a hand-held hose, from a bucket or watering can); or



- Through a drip-feed irrigation system; or
- If using a sprinkler - after 5pm and before 10am on any day (or, when daylight saving is in force, after 6pm and before 10am).

HARD SURFACES (PAVED OR CONCRETED AREAS)

There can be no hosing down of external paved areas with water at any time unless it is absolutely necessary to do so:

- To protect public health; or
- To ensure the safety of people using the area; or
- To ensure the health and welfare of animals using the area; or
- To deal with fire, accident or other emergency.

CLEANING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS

Water must not be used to clean a motor vehicle or boat unless the water is applied:

- From a bucket or watering can filled directly from a tap; or
- By a high-pressure low volume water cleaner; or
- From a hand-held hose that is fitted with a trigger nozzle.

Motor vehicles or boats can be cleaned at a commercial car wash or by means of an automatic washing system that recycles water.

Boat motors may be flushed or rinsed after use.

CONSTRUCTION SITES

Water must not be used to control dust or other pollutants resulting from building works unless the water is applied from a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a motor vehicle designed to carry and deposit water.

How to save water

In addition to the permanent water conservation measures there are many other actions you can take to save water. Here are some handy hints for indoor and outdoor water use.

IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME

- Turn off taps while you brush your teeth and use a plug when rinsing fruit, vegetables or dishes or washing your hands. A running tap wastes around 5 litres of water a minute.
- Only use your dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load.
- Install a dual flush toilet - this can save you up to 50% on every flush.
- Choose water efficient appliances - look for appliances bearing water and energy efficiency labels.
- Fix leaking pipes and taps. A dripping tap wastes much more water than you think.
- Plumb a rainwater tank into your house for toilet flushing, laundry taps or hot water service. Rebates apply!

IN YOUR GARDEN

- Use mulch around your garden to reduce water loss through evaporation by up to 75%.
- Deep soak garden plants a couple of times a week rather than watering daily.
- Water in line with the restrictions - in the cool of the morning, evening or night, not during the heat of the day or in windy conditions.
- Install a dripper system for garden watering and use it only when required.
- Invest in some of the wonderful South-East region plants which require less water. Ask your local nursery for more information.

- Weeds compete with your plants for water, so get rid of them!
- Regularly check your outdoor taps, hoses and irrigation systems for leaks.
- Only use a broom or rake to clean paths, paved areas and patios.

- Plug into rainwater for your garden needs.

ON YOUR PROPERTY

- Check stock troughs - faulty equipment such as ballcocks can result in leaking and overfilling.
- Stock can waste a lot of water if trough levels are too high.
- Turn off trough taps if nearby paddocks are not in use so no water is lost through evaporation.
- Turn windmills or pumps off when tanks are full.
- Use rainwater where possible for crop spraying as it can provide a range of benefits to help ease the pressure on the region's ground water resources.
- Monitor for leaks in your pipework.

Rebates

Rebates of up to \$400 are now being offered for home owners to plumb rainwater tanks into homes which existed or received Council building approval before 1 July 2006.

The tank must be at least 1000 litres capacity and plumbed into at least one of the following: toilet cistern, all laundry cold water outlets or a hot water service.

Rebates are also available for tap timers, water efficient shower heads and flow restrictors.

For application forms, to find out if you are eligible for a rebate and for more information, phone SA Water on 1300 650 950 or visit www.sawater.com.au.



LEGEND

Water Restriction Areas

- New Level 3 Restrictions
- Permanent Water Conservation Measures

Need information?

Water restrictions, permits and rebates: please phone the SA Water hotline on 1800 130 952 or visit www.sawater.com.au.

Drought related information:

please phone 180 2020 or visit www.service.sa.gov.au/drought.asp.