

Be Water Wise this Water Week

With the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting warmer and drier than average conditions this summer, South Gippsland Water is getting prepared. National Water Week starts on the 21st of October and this year's theme being "Water for me, water for all", now is a great time for a conversation about water efficiency and the Permanent Water Saving Rules.

Managing Director South Gippsland Water Philippe du Plessis said that, "Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place to help all customers maintain a common-sense approach to water use. The rules are in force permanently and are separate from any other water restrictions South Gippsland Water may need to impose from time to time".

The key aspects of the Permanent Water Saving Rules are easy to remember

Install trigger nozzles:

All garden hoses should be leak free and have trigger nozzles attached.

Water during the cool:

This one is common sense! Water gardens and lawns outside the heat of the day, between 6pm and 10am.

Sweep, don't hose:

Don't use your hose and waste precious drinking water cleaning paths, driveways and patios. Instead, grab a broom and sweep. If you do need to clean surfaces with water, a water efficient pressure washer is the best option and should be limited to once per season.



Aside from following the permanent water saving rules, there are many simple water saving practices customers can activate at home, these include:

- Using a half flush when flushing the toilet
- Fixing any leaking or dripping taps
- Ensuring hoses are fitted with a trigger nozzle and free of leaks
- Installing a pool cover
- Installing a water saving shower head
- Only running washing machine and dish washers when there is a full load to be washed
- Limiting shower time to 4 minutes
- Planting water wise garden plants and using mulch to hold moisture in garden beds

Visit the South Gippsland Water website for more water saving advice from Smart Approved WaterMark, www.sgwater.com.au/smartwatermark.

"It's timely to remind the community that the rules are in force year-round and are separate from any other water restrictions that South Gippsland Water may need to activate during dry times." added Mr du Plessis. "Water is an essential resource and shouldn't be wasted; small, everyday water savings can make a big difference."

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