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## Be Water Efficient This Summer

With warm weather conditions experienced over the Christmas and New Year period, and below average rainfall predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology for parts of eastern Australia from January to March, customers and visitors to the region are encouraged to use water wisely at all times.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "All water supply systems have begun to drop as rainfall has decreased and demand for water across communities, particularly coastal townships, increases.

"South Gippsland Water is monitoring conditions and storage levels and we encourage customers, and the broader community, to be conscious of household water use as we enter the second half of summer."

Simple water saving practices customers can easily activate in the garden include, ensuring hoses are fitted with a trigger nozzle and free of leaks, planting a waterwise garden and using mulch to hold moisture in garden beds, and watering during the cooler parts of the day.

In the home, limit shower time to four minutes, install a water-saving showerhead, use the half flush when flushing the toilet, and fix any leaking or dripping taps,.

Visit the South Gippsland Water website for more water saving advice from Smart Approved WaterMark, [www.sgwater.com.au/smartwatermark](http://www.sgwater.com.au/smartwatermark).

Also available on the website is information about the Permanent Water Saving Rules in place statewide, rules that provide all Victorians with a common-sense approach to water use.

"It's timely to remind the community that the rules are in force year-round and are separate from any other water restrictions South Gippsland Water may need to impose from time to time," 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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