

WATER RESTRICTIONS

> Level 3 water restrictions are now in place across Menindee

> Under the current water restrictions:

- Watering is permitted ONLY on designated days:
 - **Odd numbered premises - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**
 - **Even numbered premises - Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**
- The use of sprinklers, soaker hoses and automatic watering systems for private lawns is **NOT PERMITTED**
- Private lawns may be watered once per designated day only, using only a hand-held hose, between 6am and 10am or between 6pm and 10pm
- Private gardens may be watered once per designated day only, using either an automatic watering system between 11pm and 6am OR using a manual watering system between 6am and 10am or between 6pm and 10pm
- Private vehicles may be cleaned using only a commercial car wash or by means of a bucket or watering can filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose). A trigger hose may be used to rinse only
- Concrete or paved areas may only be cleaned using water, as a result of accident, fire, to ensure health and welfare of animals using the area, or other emergency unless written approval is granted by Essential Water
- Windows and building facades may only be cleaned with water by use of a bucket or watering can filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose) unless it is necessary as a result of accident, fire or emergency
- Swimming pools and spas which have previously been filled **MUST NOT** be either emptied or filled, but may be topped up using a trigger hose
- Swimming pools and spas which have not been previously filled **MUST NOT** be filled without Essential Water's prior written authority.

Please note: If water restriction levels change exemptions cease immediately and exemption applications must be submitted again.

> To apply for an exemption or for more information call **13 23 91** or visit **essentialwater.com.au**

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WATER SAVING TIPS

> Here are some ways you can reduce the amount of water you use in your home and garden:

- Collect the water that runs through the tap or shower while you wait for the water to get hot and use it to water your plants
- Fix dripping taps and leaking toilets. Regularly check your dishwasher hoses and replace tap washers
- Install a water efficient shower head. You'll save as much as 10 litres of water per minute
- Operate dishwashers and washing machines when you have a full load. Use the suds saving function on your washing machine if you have it, as it will significantly reduce the amount of water you use
- Shorten your showers to 5 minutes or less
- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth and use a glass of water to rinse. Put some water in the sink to rinse your razor – don't leave the tap running
- Aerate your soil and add water crystals to improve water retention
- Condition your soil and improve its water holding capacity by adding compost and manure to about a spade's depth. Veggie scraps are great to use in your compost bin and worm farm
- Consider reducing or replacing your lawn with pavers, groundcover, paths or native plantings
- Divert your laundry grey water to lawns and gardens
- Mulch gardens with pine bark, leaves, pebbles, lucerne or straw to reduce evaporation and keep down weeds
- Reduce your lawn's water needs by mulch-mowing – set the mower blades at about 5cm, and leave the clippings on the lawn
- Test the soil with your finger to check if plants need watering. If it's damp 2cm down, you won't need to water. For an accurate measure, use a water gauge in the garden bed.