

## Other ways to conserve water

In addition to adhering to the water rostering scheme, there are a range of ways inside your house that you can save water and save money!

An easy way is to choose water saving appliances. Water ratings are displayed on many new household items such as taps, fittings, dishwashers, washing machines and toilets.

Be sure to check all taps throughout the house - leaking taps can waste a substantial amount of water, and can generally be repaired by replacing a washer or other components.

### Bathroom

- Take shorter showers and install water efficient taps- a water efficient shower head can result in 50% less water use
- Turn off the tap when shaving or brushing teeth
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily (household waste shouldn't be flushed down the toilet)

### Kitchen

- Rinse the dishes in a plugged sink rather than under running water
- Be sure the dishwasher is full before running
- Don't leave the water running when preparing and defrosting food
- When running water to do the dishes, capture the water flushed through your hot tap in your kettle or a jug and place in the fridge or on the garden

### Laundry

- Adjust the water level on your washing machine when doing smaller washing loads
- Front load washers use about a third less water than top loading machines
- Utilise load-to-water adjustments and suds-saver options where possible

## how much water do we use?

ACTIVITY	WATER USED
Toilet Flush- single cistern	10L
Toilet Flush- dual single flush	5L
Toilet Flush- dual full flush	10L
Shower (10mins)	200L
Dishwasher Load	50L
Washing Machine Load	150L
Brushing Teeth with tap running	5L
Car Washing with Hose	200L
Hosing Driveway	100L

\* figures may vary, depending on flow rate

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# What are water efficiency measures?

**Water efficiency is about using less water and making the most of every drop of water that we use.**

State-wide water efficiency measures include a permanent watering day roster scheme and a winter sprinkler ban. Water efficiency measures affect all water users including scheme water users, garden bore owners, business and Government.

## watering roster

### WHAT IS MY WATERING ROSTER DAY?

To find out your watering days, simply take the last digit of your house number and apply it to the Watering Roster.

If your property does not have an assigned house number please use the last digit of your lot number.

### WINTER SPRINKLER BAN

From 2010, a winter sprinkler ban is in force from 1 June – 31 August. Customers may only use a hand held hose or watering can to water lawns and gardens.

Remember to switch off your reticulation system.

**BORE USERS-** please note that the winter sprinkler ban does apply to bore users.

BUSSELTON WATER	
Your watering days	
You may water only once either before 9am or after 6pm	
Number*	Your 2 scheme watering days
1	Wednesday + Saturday
2	Thursday + Sunday
3	Friday + Monday
4	Saturday + Tuesday
5	Sunday + Wednesday
6	Monday + Thursday
7	Tuesday + Friday
8	Wednesday + Saturday
9	Thursday + Sunday
0	Friday + Monday

\* Number is last digit of your house or lot number

**NOTE: The 2 day restriction does not apply to bore users**

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### I HAVE JUST PLANTED A NEW LAWN CAN I GET AN EXEMPTION?

If you are establishing a new lawn or garden you may apply for an exemption in order for it to become fully established. The customer must confirm that the new lawn or garden has been planted to be granted an exemption. New lawn can refer to roll on, shredded and/or seed lawn. Customers who are granted an exemption can use sprinklers to water a new lawn/garden for up to 35 days from the day of planting, up to three times per day.

Visit [www.busseltonwater.wa.gov.au](http://www.busseltonwater.wa.gov.au) to download an exemption form, or contact our Customer Service Team on 9781 0500 for an application form.

### DOES THE 2 DAY PER WEEK WATER ROSTER APPLY TO BORE OWNERS?

The water roster does not apply to garden bores in the Busselton area; however, all bore water users must comply with the daytime sprinkler ban i.e. no watering between 9am and 6pm.

Further information for bore users is available from the Department of Water on 1800 508 885

### OTHER WAYS TO SAVE WATER IN THE GARDEN

In addition to restricting sprinkler use, there are a range of ways you can conserve water in the garden.

- Design your garden with plants native to the area
- Mulch the garden- mulch not only discourages the growth of weeds and evens out soil temperature, it can also keep up to 70% more moisture in the soil
- Install a drip irrigation system- it is more efficient to water the roots of plants rather than the leaves. Drip systems water directly to the root system, don't cause overspray and prevent excess evaporation
- Reduce your lawn area- lawn needs more water than the rest of the garden so plan for a larger paving area or use ground covering plants
- Invest in a pool cover, not only does it save water; it will also save on chemicals as it helps to maintain a correct chemical balance
- Install a rainwater tank