



General water use

You can use town water for general water use with the following efficient watering equipment:

- high pressure water cleaner
- hose with a twist or trigger nozzle
- buckets.

Activity	Conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General cleaning • Vehicle washing • House washing • Cleaning of pets and pet enclosures • Entertainment areas (Patos, courtyards) 	Use town water efficiently and only when necessary.
Paths, driveways and paved surfaces	Can not be washed with town water unless they present a health and safety hazard or if they are significantly soiled.
Filling new pools	Can be filled up with town water.
Topping up existing pools, spas	Can be topped up with town water only when all available downpipe or rainwater tank water has been used. Premises must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rainwater tank or downpipe diverter installed • And three of the following four measures installed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A pool or spa cover – Water efficient showerheads and kitchen and bathroom taps – Water efficient toilets – Water efficient washing machines • Or be accredited as a SPASA Ecopool.
Play pools	Can be filled with town water and must have less than 500 litre capacity or recirculate the water
Fountains, ponds and outdoor aquariums	Can be filled or topped up with town water only if it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recirculates the water or • Uses a maximum of 200 litres of water a week.

Efficient irrigation

You can use town water on your garden and lawn using the following efficient watering equipment:

- efficient irrigation equipment
- hose with a twist or trigger nozzle
- buckets or watering cans.

Activity	Conditions
Existing gardens and lawns Refer to the <i>Efficient Irrigation Guidelines</i> at www.qwc.qld.gov.au/Efficient+Irrigation	You can use efficient sprinklers and irrigation systems that use less than 9 litres a minute for each device. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only water during set times (4pm – 10am, any day except Monday) • Use efficient irrigation systems including drippers, micro-sprayers, pop-up sprinklers and drip lines and fit with a manual timer or electronic timer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Electronic timers must be used with a rain sensor or a soil moisture sensor • Use a non-fixed sprinkler for a maximum of 30 minutes • Set up your irrigation in accordance with the guidelines • Get your customised system certified as some irrigation systems might be efficient but not meet some of these requirements. A Certified Irrigation Professional (CIP) can issue a Certificate of Compliance if it is efficient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contact Irrigation Australia for a list of CIP's in your area – Send the Certificate of Compliance to your local council.
New gardens and lawns	Can be watered at anytime on day of establishment.

High volume water users

If your household uses more than 1200 litres per day then you may be using too much water. Your water service provider will let you know if you are using too much and provide you with some water saving tips. If you continue to use water excessively with no valid reason, an outdoor water ban may be imposed. Households with a legitimate reason, such as a large family or special health requirements, will be exempt.

Applies to the use of town water only. Refer to Permanent Water Conservation Measures at www.qwc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 789 906.

Permanent Water Conservation Measures commence on **1 December 2009** for residents in Brisbane City, Gold Coast City, Ipswich City, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Logan City, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council and Redland City Council.