

# SAVE WATER TARGET 155

## Ways to save outdoors

### Stage 3a water restrictions still apply

**Remember we're still at 3a.** Stage 3a water restrictions limit how water can be used outdoors and also restricts garden watering times. Outdoor water use must always comply with stage 3a water restrictions.

To keep your outdoor areas healthy during summer, consider the following actions. Implementing these actions will limit the amount of drinking water you need to use on the garden, and help you to achieve Target 155.

Don't forget to tick the box on the right hand side for the water saving actions you will implement.

Ways to save	What you'll save	Your commitment
<b>Mulching</b>	A well mulched garden stops evaporation by up to 70%.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Prepare your soil</b>	Using fertiliser, water storing agents and wetting crystals will ensure your soil stays as healthy as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Check your outdoor taps and hoses for leaks</b>	A dripping tap or leaking hose wastes lots of water. Repair leaking taps immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Use a cover on your pool and check the pool for leaks</b>	A pool cover will reduce evaporation from the pool.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If planting new plants, choose drought tolerant ones</b>	Drought tolerant plants have a better chance of survival in dry climates and they can look great too! Find a list of accredited water saver garden centres at <a href="http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au">www.ourwater.vic.gov.au</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Don't cut the lawn too short</b>	Longer grass has deeper roots which will last longer in hotter weather.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Install a rainwater tank</b>	Great for the garden and pool and you can use it anytime. Use a plumber to connect your tank to your toilet and washing machine to achieve the greatest water savings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Install a permanent grey water system</b>	This enables you to collect grey water for reuse on your property. Remember to follow EPA's guidelines on safe use of grey water. These can be found at <a href="http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/water/reuse/reuse.asp">www.epa.vic.gov.au/water/reuse/reuse.asp</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3a water restrictions still apply

<b>Residential garden watering days</b>	<b>EVEN</b> and no-numbered properties can water plants on Saturday and Tuesday (within specified times). <b>ODD</b> numbered properties can water plants on Sunday and Wednesday (within specified times). <b>Watering is NOT permitted</b> on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Lawns must not be watered at any time with drinking water.
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