

# Water wise tips for yards, gardens and lawn

## Water is a limited resource.

Conservation all year round is a win-win. By reducing water use, you help the environment and your pocket. In many cases you'll also do your gardens and lawns a favour.

Tip	Water saving	Garden benefit
 <p><b>Water in the morning or at night</b></p>	Reduces evaporation loss during the hottest parts of the day and reduces water use	Helps plants recover from the heat and reduces the risk of leaf burn
 <p><b>Use mulch to keep garden soil moist</b></p>	Reduces evaporation loss and reduces water use	Keeps plant roots cool and keeps competing weeds at bay
 <p><b>Watering longer and less frequently</b></p>	Reduces water use	Encourages deeper root growth rather than shallow roots that will quickly dry out. This also results in more stable and healthier plants
 <p><b>Use a broom or blower to clean hard surfaces such as driveways and footpaths</b></p>	Requires no water	n/a
 <p><b>Make sure there are no leaks in your hose and taps</b></p>	Prevents water waste	Ensures the full amount of water gets to the target plants
 <p><b>Target intended areas when watering by using a trigger nozzle</b></p>	Reduces water use and water waste	Gives weeds less chance to germinate and results in more efficient watering

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 <p><b>Install drip irrigation in garden beds</b></p>	<p>Reduces evaporation loss and reduces water use</p>	<p>Drip watering for longer periods results in deeper watering. This encourages deeper root growth in your plants</p>
 <p><b>Don't over water gardens and lawns</b></p>	<p>Reduces water use and water waste</p>	<p>Daily watering encourages shallow roots that dry out quicker. Riverina lawn varieties can handle drying out for up to a few days, even in really hot weather</p>
 <p><b>Hit target areas when watering and not nearby buildings, driveways and roads</b></p>	<p>Reduces water use and water waste</p>	<p>Ensures your water is going onto the target plants and lawn only, so they get the full benefit</p>
 <p><b>Aerate lawns so you more effectively water by reaching root systems</b></p>	<p>Reduces water use</p>	<p>Roots will be able to develop further into the soil profile where there is moisture</p>
 <p><b>Weed your lawn regularly – weeds compete with grass for water</b></p>	<p>Reduces water use and waste</p>	<p>A healthy weed free lawn will better compete with and crowd out weeds (mowing high also helps)</p>
 <p><b>Use your finger to test soil moisture before watering – if it's moist, you don't need to water</b></p>	<p>Reduces water use and water waste</p>	<p>Overwatering can have a negative impact by creating thirsty plants which are more water-dependent. There are plenty of attractive plant options for Riverina gardens that need minimal or no extra water</p>
 <p><b>Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation loss</b></p>	<p>Reduces evaporation loss</p>	<p>n/a</p>

These tips have been developed in partnership with ErinEarth



Please remember fixed sprinklers are banned for all customers between 10am and 5pm during daylight savings time. This water conservation measure reduces water loss during the warmest parts of the day.

### More information

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