

# STAGE 3a water restrictions are in place across Melbourne



**MANUAL WATERING & DRIPPER SYSTEM**  
6 AM ▶ 8 AM \*



**AUTOMATIC DRIPPER SYSTEM MIDNIGHT TILL 2 AM \***



**EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL CAR WASH ONLY<sup>†</sup>**



**-1 IN 4- SPORTSGROUNDS CAN BE WATERED**



**INDUSTRY: MUST COMPLETE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN<sup>#</sup>**



**SOLUTIONS: RAINWATER & GREYWATER ANYTIME**

**Lawns must not be watered at any time with drinking water**

## RESIDENTIAL GARDENS

### Watering Days\*

**EVEN** and no-numbered numbered properties can water plants on **Saturday** and **Tuesday** (within specified times).

**ODD** numbered properties can water plants on **Sunday** and **Wednesday** (within specified times).

**Watering is NOT permitted on Monday, Thursday and Friday.**

### Watering Times\*

#### Manual Watering

Manual dripper systems, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, watering cans and buckets can be used to water plants as required on specified watering days between 6am – 8am.

Households with at least one resident aged 70 years or over may water their plants manually on specified watering days between 6am – 8am or 8am – 10am.

#### Automatic Watering

Automatic dripper systems can be used to water plants as required on specified watering days between midnight – 2am.

## VEHICLE WASHING

An efficient commercial car wash that uses 70 litres of water or less per vehicle can be used. Cars may not be washed at home with drinking water.

A bucket filled from a tap can be used to clean windows, mirrors and lights; and spot remove corrosive substances.

## SPORTS GROUNDS

Generally, 1 in 4 sports grounds as nominated by council can be watered. Exempt playing surfaces may be watered: turf cricket wickets, golf tees and greens (not fairways), tennis courts, bowling greens, hockey pitches, running tracks, croquet greens.

## INDUSTRY

Businesses using 10 megalitres of water or more per year must complete a water conservation action plan (waterMAPs program).

## POOLS AND SPAS

A new pool or spa of any size capacity cannot be filled with drinking water. However, a new or existing swimming pool or spa may be filled with an alternative water source such as groundwater.

An existing pool or spa of less than 2,000 litres may be filled by means of a watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap.

An existing pool or spa of greater than 2,000 litres must not be filled except in accordance with a water conservation plan (contact your local water business for more information).

An existing pool or spa must not be topped up except by means of a watering can or bucket, filled directly from a tap. Hoses must not be used.

## SOLUTIONS

Greywater, rainwater and recycled water can be used at anytime. For guidelines on safe use, visit [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au). Restrictions do not apply to rainwater collected in a storage tank, provided it is not supplemented with drinking water supply.

## Penalties and enforcement

Stage 3a water restrictions must be followed and water patrols are out in force across Melbourne. If you are issued with a warning notice and still breach the restrictions, you may have your water supply restricted and face fines.

**To report a breach, call 13WATER (139 2837).**

For a full set of Stage 3a water restrictions please visit our website at [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au) or contact your local water business.