

# HOME<sup>2</sup> REBATE



Indoor  
and outdoor  
water saving  
rebates

Your guide to water saving incentives  
inside and outside the home.



Government of  
South Australia



SA Water

**WATER**  **GOOD**

# A message from the South Australian Government.

In November 2007 the State Government launched the H<sub>2</sub>O ME REBATES scheme to help you make wise water decisions in and around your home.

The scheme has proved highly popular and as part of Water for Good – the State's plan to ensure our water future to 2050, the scheme has been enhanced and extended including new rebates.

It's expected the ongoing uptake of water efficient appliances and products such as those in the H<sub>2</sub>O ME REBATES result in water savings of about 10 gigalitres by 2050.

I urge you to read this guide and find out about the rebates available to you.

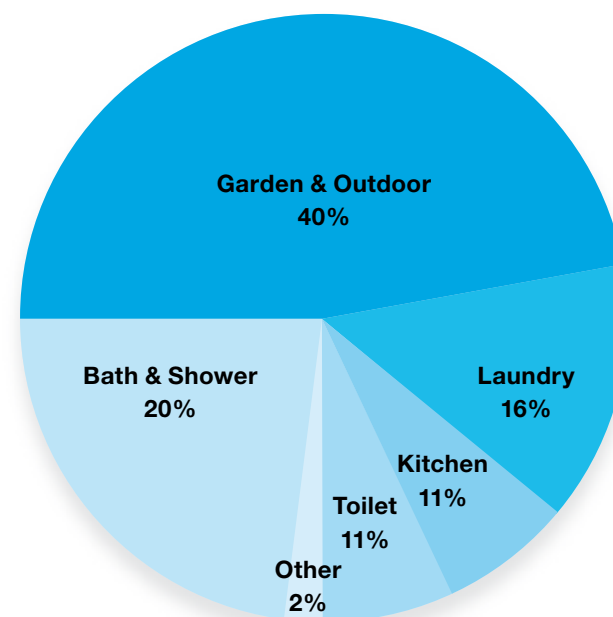
Whether you're building, renovating or refreshing your home and garden see how much water and money you can save.

Karlene Maywald, Minister for Water Security

## Saving water in and around the home.

Knowing where and when you use the most water around the home helps you to understand where water savings can be made.

We all use water differently, but studies have shown that water usage in an average suburban South Australian home is made up of:



Installing water efficient appliances wherever possible is a proven way to make great water savings around the home. You can also visit the SA Water Interactive House + Garden at [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au) to learn and calculate how to save water in and around your home.

# Choosing water efficient products.

With so many products on the market it can be hard to know which one is the most water efficient. Keep an eye out for these labelling schemes to help you make a decision.

## Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS)

In Australia we have the mandatory water WELS scheme to show how water efficient the product is. The more stars on the label, the more water efficient the product. For information visit [www.waterrating.gov.au](http://www.waterrating.gov.au)



## Smart Approved WaterMark

When shopping for outdoor water saving products keep an eye out for the Smart Approved WaterMark logo. For more information visit [www.smartwatermark.org](http://www.smartwatermark.org)



## Australian Standards

When you buy a showerhead or toilet suite you must also check that the product carries a WaterMark approval. All plumbing products that are installed and connected to the SA Water supply must carry a WaterMark approval. The WaterMark certifies the product complies with Australian Standards and gives you confidence the product is high standard.

For more information visit [www.watermarkstandards.org.au](http://www.watermarkstandards.org.au)

# About the H<sub>2</sub>O ME REBATE scheme.

**Rebates available for approved water efficient products purchased on or after 1 November 2007:**

## Showerheads

Up to \$30 to purchase and install a low-flow (3 stars or more) showerhead.

## Dual flush toilets

A rebate of \$150 is available for the replacement of a single flush or less water efficient toilet with a new more efficient toilet suite with a WELS rating of 3 stars or better.

## Washing machines

\$200 rebate modified for water efficient washing machines with a minimum of 4.5 stars.

## Garden goods

Up to \$100 back on \$250 of goods including rainwater diverters, organic mulch or compost, soil wetting agents, tap timers, compost bins and soil moisture sensors or rain sensors.

## Home water audits

\$100 (\$110 for regional areas) when you engage a registered plumber to do a Home Water Audit – plus you will receive up to 2 free low-flow showerheads.

### Rainwater tanks

Between \$200 and \$1000 is being offered towards the cost of purchasing and plumbing a rainwater tank to retrofit into your home for uses such as toilet flushing, clothes washing and for hot water supply.

### Rebates available for approved water efficient products purchased on or after 28 September 2009:

#### Heated water re-circulator

\$150 rebate for the purchase of a heated water re-circulator connected to the entire heated water system.

#### Pool covers and cover rollers

Up to \$200 rebate for the purchase of approved pool/spa covers and cover rollers for an existing household swimming pool/spa.

### Who's eligible?

Rebates are available to all residential properties regardless of whether the property is connected to SA Water supply.

The rebates are available to homeowners, private housing tenants and SA Housing Trust tenants. Tenants will need to present a letter from the property owner to be eligible for the low-flow showerhead, dual flush toilets and the Home Water Audit rebates.

### How do I apply?

You can apply by filling in the application form available on the SA Water website [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au) or by phoning **1800 130 952**. Application forms may also be available at outlets where water wise products can be purchased.

You will need to supply us with your proof of purchase and installation (where appropriate). Rebates are not available on second hand, rented, leased or hired products.

Full terms and conditions for each rebate are available on the application forms.

### How and when will I receive my rebate?

In most cases your rebate amount can be credited to your SA Water bill(s). For rebates worth more than \$200, non SA Water customers, private tenants or SA Housing Trust tenants, a cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer payment can be arranged. Please refer to the application forms for full terms and conditions.

### Can I claim more than one rebate?

You are eligible to claim one of each separate type of rebate or rebate package per property or per person. For example:

- Up to three showerhead rebates will be offered per property
- Up to three toilet rebates will be offered per property
- Only one washing machine rebate will be offered per person
- Only one garden goods rebate will be offered per property, per financial year
- Only one hot water re-circulator will be offered per property
- Only one pool cover roller will be offered per property
- The Home Water Audit is available only once per property.

# Sing in the shower to the tune of \$30.

A rebate of up to \$30 is available when you purchase and install a low-flow showerhead.

- The showerhead must feature a WELS rating of 3 stars or more
- The rebate is available for a maximum of 3 showerheads per property
- The rebate is only available for replacement of your existing showerhead(s). Showerheads for new showers in new homes or home extensions are not eligible for this rebate
- If the purchase price is less than \$30 a rebate of the actual purchase price will be issued.

You will need to provide the original receipt when claiming the rebate. Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.

To find out if the product is WELS rated look for this logo.



HOME<sup>2</sup> REBATE  
up to  
**\$30**

Water efficient  
showerheads



**Did you know?**

An average showerhead uses 20 litres of water a minute and a low-flow showerhead (minimum 3 star rated) uses 9 litres of water a minute. That means a 4 minute low-flow shower only uses 36 litres of water!

# Will you scrunch or fold your \$150?

A rebate of \$150 is available for the replacement of a single flush or less water efficient toilet with a new more efficient toilet suite with a WELS rating of 3 stars or better.

- To be eligible the dual flush toilet needs to be one that uses a maximum of 3 litres for a half flush and a maximum of 6 litres for a full flush
- This rebate is not available for new houses or extensions, only for a replacement of an older system
- The rebate is available for a maximum of 3 toilets per property
- The rebate is available for the cost of the toilet suite and can include the plumbing services required for installation
- The toilet suite must be installed by a licensed plumber.

You will need to provide the original receipt when claiming the rebate and a Certificate of Compliance from a licensed plumber. Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.

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Dual flush toilet



Did you know?

A typical single flush toilet uses up to 12 litres a flush every time, even when a full flush isn't needed. Replacing your single flush with a dual flush can reduce this to 6 and 3 litre flushes or better.

# Soften the load with \$200.

A rebate of \$200 is available for the purchase of a new water efficient washing machine.

- To be eligible the washing machine needs to have a WELS rating of 4.5 stars or more
- The rebate is limited to one machine per person to a maximum of \$200
- The machine must be purchased, installed and operational for the rebate to be claimed.

You will need to provide the original receipt when claiming the rebate. Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.

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Water efficient washing machines



**Did you know?** By choosing a water efficient machine you can potentially save up to 100 litres per wash.

# Have a great garden and \$100.

If you spend a minimum of \$150 on water efficient garden goods you can receive 40% of the purchase price. A maximum rebate of \$100 will be paid.

## Waterwise garden goods include:

- Organic mulch or compost
- Soil wetting agents (including crystal, liquid or granule)
- Tap timers
- Outdoor compost bins
- Rainwater diverters
- Soil moisture sensors or rain sensors
- Irrigation system controllers
- Drip watering system components
- Smart Approved WaterMark products to concentrate water at the root base for plants/trees.

For more information on the products available talk to your local nursery and garden centre.

This offer is limited to one rebate per property, per financial year. Purchases do not need to be made in one transaction – simply collect your receipts. You will need to provide original copies of the receipts when claiming the rebate.

Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.

When shopping for your outdoor water saving products keep an eye out for this logo.



Water efficient garden goods



## Did you know?

It's important to keep much needed moisture in your soil or pot plants by keeping up the mulch. Soil preparation such as applying wetting agents is also important. Make sure you remove weeds regularly as they compete for water in your garden.

# Tap into a saving of \$100 or \$110.

How wisely does your home use water? With the expertise of a licensed plumber, the Home Water Audit can help you make water savings around your home.

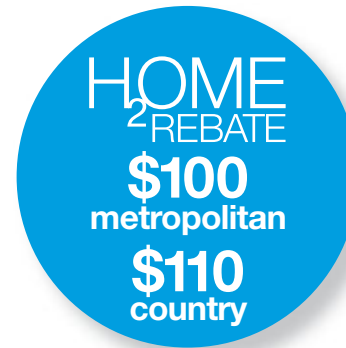
This service includes a comprehensive home water audit which covers the condition and efficiency of existing hot and cold water services, internal fixtures, stormwater and roof water run-off and collection.

For a small cost of \$50 the Home Water Audit includes:

- an audit including a comprehensive report with recommendations and solutions you can implement over time to reduce water and energy consumption (valued at \$100)
- the installation of a low-flow showerhead (valued at \$30)
- 2 flow limiting devices (valued at \$30).

A licensed plumber must be used and full terms and conditions are available on the application form. For more information call **1800 130 952**.

## Home Water Audit



### Did you know?

Leaking taps or showerheads can waste up to:

60 drops a minute = approximately 8,000 litres of water per year

90 drops a minute = approximately 12,000 litres of water per year

120 drops a minute = approximately 19,000 litres of water per year

# Collect water and up to \$1,000.

## What does the rainwater tank rebate cover?

- \$200 for the purchase of a new or replacement rainwater tank which needs to be plumbed for use to either a toilet or all cold water laundry outlets or hot water service
- Up to \$600 for plumbing services (including services of a licensed plumber) to connect rainwater to either a toilet or all cold water laundry outlets or hot water service
- Up to another \$200 extra for additional installation measures.

## General terms and conditions are:

- All rainwater tanks need to be 1000 litres or more and plumbed into at least one eligible fixture type (toilet cistern, all laundry cold water outlets or hot water service)

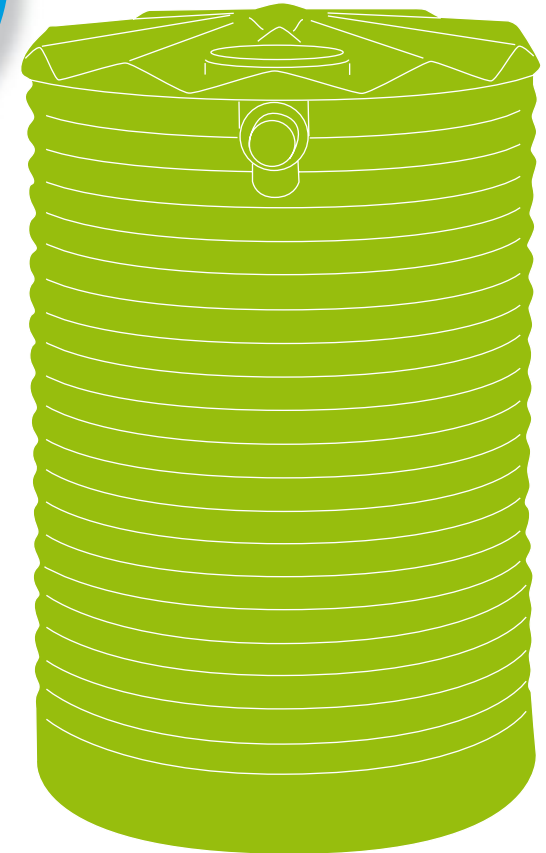
- Eligible homes are generally homes for which an application for development approval was lodged before 1 July 2006
- You must obtain a signed Certificate of Compliance from a licensed plumber indicating which eligible fixture types have been plumbed in
- You will need to provide the original receipt when claiming the rebate for the rainwater tank and switching device.

Rainwater tanks and plumbing must comply with relevant Australian Standards and any local council requirements that may apply.

Full terms and conditions (including purchase date eligibility) are available on the application form.



## Rainwater tanks



A rebate is generally not available for renovations and extensions as from 1 July 2006, because most new houses and significant extensions or additions to existing homes need to include a rainwater supply as part of the building approval process.

# Save water and receive \$150. That's hot.

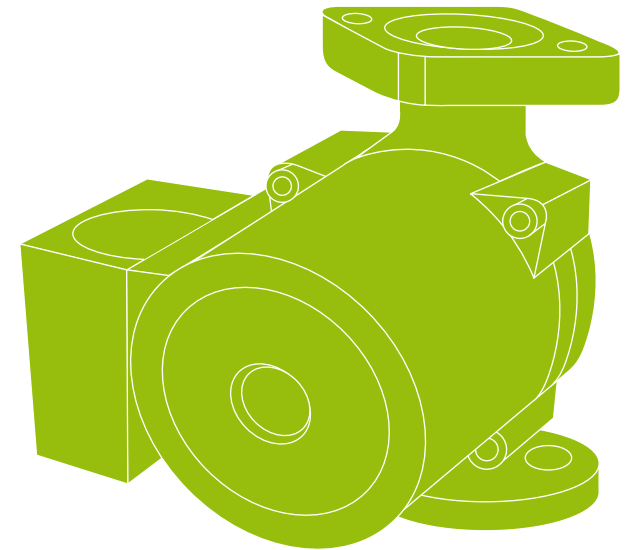
A rebate of \$150 is available when you install a re-circulator that is connected to the entire heated water system.

- To be eligible goods must be purchased on or after 28 September 2009
- A licensed plumber must be used and provide an itemised invoice
- You must obtain a signed Certificate of Compliance from a licensed plumber for the work
- You will need to provide the original receipt when claiming the rebate
- Plumbing work and associated costs are not eligible for a rebate. Rebate applies to unit only.

Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.



Hot water re-circulator



**Did you know?**

Installing a hot water re-circulator means you won't waste water waiting for hot water and they can also save energy.

# Cover, conserve and collect up to \$200.

A rebate of up to \$200 is available for the purchase of approved pool/spa covers and cover rollers for existing household pools/spas.

- Rebates will only be given for the purchase of the cover if your pool/spa was installed prior to 23 October 2006
- To be eligible the cover must be a Smart Approved WaterMark product
- The cover must be a minimum of 400mm micron and be UV stabilised
- Solar blankets are eligible provided they meet terms and conditions above
- Only one rebate is available per property.

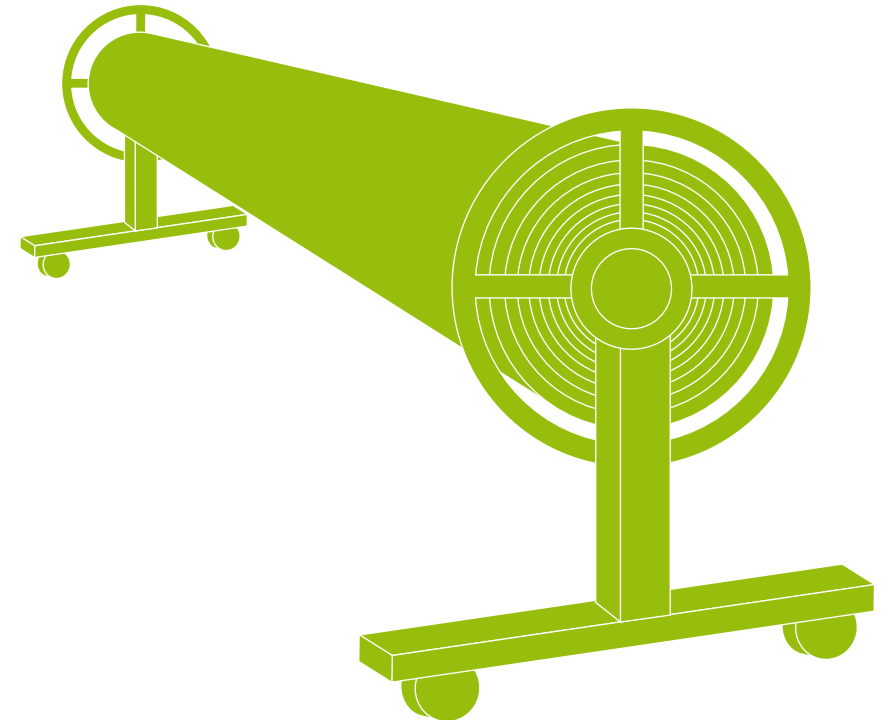
Full terms and conditions are available on the application form.

Remember to keep up to date with the current water restrictions or conservation measures when filling or topping up a pool or spa. Visit [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au) for the latest information.

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Pool covers and cover rollers



Did you know?

Evaporation rates in South Australia mean you could lose more than 200 litres per day from an uncovered pool.

More detailed terms and conditions for the individual rebates are available on the application forms and the SA Water website.

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