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WATERING TIMES CHANGE AS DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says watering times under the current enhanced Level 3 restrictions will change on Sunday, October 5, with the beginning of daylight saving.

The current restrictions and the new watering times are:

- Dripper systems and hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used on one day a week for up to three hours:
 - **Either between 6am-9am or 6pm-9pm**
 - Even-numbered properties on Saturday, odd-numbered properties on Sunday (no change)
- Watering cans and buckets can be used on any day/time (no change)

The changes in watering times will not affect current permits for the elderly and disabled.

“The new times reflect the change in daylight hours as the warmer months approach,” Minister Maywald said.

“Summer temperatures can still be high in the late afternoon, so by watering in the early evening or morning and using water efficient garden goods, such as mulch and soil wetting agents, we can more efficiently conserve our water.

“The level of water restrictions will continue to be reviewed on a monthly basis. South Australians are doing a fantastic job in reducing water use and are tracking below the targets set for consumption.

“South Australians are continuing to be water-wise around the home and saving as much water as they can. For the year to date, Adelaide’s water consumption was 97,000 megalitres, compared with 135,000 megalitres, for the same period in 2002.

“This is a fantastic effort and I truly commend all South Australians on their water saving efforts.”

