



Using recycled water at home

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Recycled water

As Australians become more water efficient, we're using more recycled water. This is being made possible by treating wastewater or stormwater and delivering it through a separate network so we can use it safely for a range of purposes.

By incorporating recycled water in new residential developments to flush toilets and water gardens, we're making better use of available water sources.

On average, South Australians use about 40 per cent of their water outside their homes, primarily in the garden. By treating wastewater and making it available through a separate system, safe clean drinking water is

reserved for just that, as well as food preparation and personal hygiene.

Matching the way we source and treat water with how it will be used, benefits the environment by reducing our demand for drinking water. It also reduces the amount of treated wastewater discharged to sea.

Using recycled water safely

Your recycled water supply has been treated at a wastewater treatment plant to a standard that is safe for a range of household purposes. These include flushing toilets, watering gardens, and washing cars.

It is not safe for drinking.

As there are potential health risks associated with the cross connection of drinking and recycled water

supplies. It is important all work on any of your pipework is completed by a licensed plumber.

The recycled pipework and outlets on your property have a distinctive purple colour. This helps to easily identify them and ensure the recycled water supply does not get connected to your drinking water supply.





You can safely use recycled water to:

- ✓ water lawns and gardens including fruit trees, vegetables and flowers
- ✓ flush toilets
- ✓ wash cars
- ✓ fill water features and ornamental ponds (with no fish)
- ✓ wash pets
- ✓ operate evaporative coolers and air conditioners.

Please keep your recycled water supply clear from rainwater tanks and drinking water systems.

Your recycled water supply is not for:

- ✗ drinking
- ✗ cooking or food preparation tasks such as rinsing vegetables
- ✗ personal washing including baths, showers, hand basins and bidets or brushing of teeth
- ✗ indoor cleaning
- ✗ use in swimming pools and spas
- ✗ recreational activities, including children playing under sprinklers.

Check with the manufacturer before connecting appliances to your recycled water supply.

Recycled water has a higher level of nutrient and salinity than drinking water. Consult your local nursery or garden supplier for expert advice on using recycled water in your garden.

For more information including an audit checklist visit [sawater.com.au](https://www.sawater.com.au) or call us on **1300 650 950**.

Interpreter service

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