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## SUSTAINABLE WATER USE GUIDELINES

Lancelin South Water is committed to the sustainable management and use of our water resources to:

- Help preserve the limited fresh water resources in Western Australia;
- Minimise the impact on natural ecosystems in which we operate;
- Minimise our energy use and carbon footprint;
- Maintain a healthy social and natural environment in Lancelin South;
- Keep our operating costs as low as possible.

Lancelin South Water provides potable and non-potable water to our Customers in as sustainable manner as we can. We will continue to look for improvements to our operations.

We ask all of our Customers to look at minimising the use of water within your homes and gardens. There are many ways to save water, both inside and outside your home, some of which are listed below. This will save you money and assist in saving water for our future generations.

### General

- Replace washers in taps if they are dripping
- Check your toilet cisterns for leaks (add a couple of drops of food colouring to the water in the cistern and check if the water in the toilet bowl changes colour). Repair when necessary
- When buying appliances (dishwasher, washing machine, etc), look for Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards [WELS] scheme stars – the more the better
- Ask your local hardware store for more ideas and products to save water

### Inside

#### Kitchen

- Choose a water efficient dishwasher of the right size for your needs
- Wait until the dishwasher is full before turning it on to maximise water use
- Collect the water you run whilst waiting for the warm water and use it to fill the kettle, fill a jug or water the plants
- In Summer, keep a jug of water in the fridge instead of running the cold tap until the water is cool enough
- Wash vegetables in a bowl, rather than under running water
- Don't use running water to thaw frozen food – plan ahead or use the microwave oven

#### Bathroom

- Aim for shorter showers to save water – try using a timer
- Take a shower rather than a bath
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving

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- Reduce flow in your sinks and showers by installing water saving devices such as aerators and water efficient shower heads

### Laundry

- Choose a water efficient washing machine of the right size for your needs. Note that front loading washing machines use less water per load
- Use cold water and a good detergent for washing to save electricity
- Only use the washing machine when you have a full load. If it is necessary to wash a small load, adjust the water level appropriately.

## Outside

### Garden

- Only water after 6:00 pm or before 9:00 am and reduce your watering time
- Use 'waterwise' plants in a water sensitive planting arrangement
- Enrich your soil to retain water and apply a water saving mulch on top
- Wash the car on the lawn using a bucket rather than a running hose
- Use a broom or blower/vacuum to clean the pathways and driveway
- Ask your preferred nursery for more garden water saving tips and products

### Pool

- Use a pool blanket whenever the pool is not in use to reduce evaporation
- Slope your paving to direct the splashes back into the pool

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### Amendment History

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