



Purple Pulse

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Recycled water news

Purple Pulse is a newsletter aimed at keeping recycled water users informed. Feature articles and handy hints for using recycled water will help you keep your finger on the pulse and your gardens will benefit too.

Have you checked your recycled water plumbing?

Once a year we recommend you check your water supplies to ensure that recycled water remains connected to the outlet it's intended for, particularly if you've conducted plumbing, landscaping or renovation works in the past 12 months.

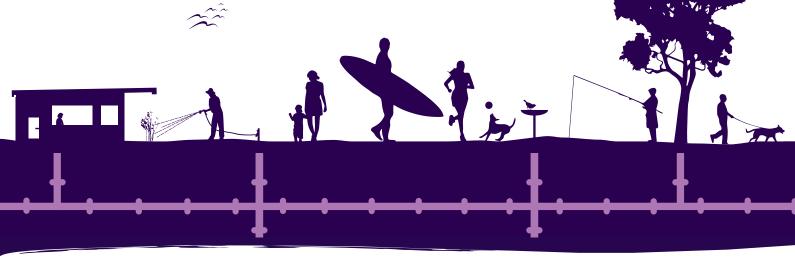
We inspected your plumbing when your pipes were initially connected, but an annual self-check is a must.



It's easy to do:

- 1. Turn off the stop tap/valve on your drinking water meter, keeping the purple recycled water meter on.
- 2. Turn on all sink, bath and shower taps (both hot and cold) one by one. All taps should run dry after a short time.
- **3.** After the taps have run dry, flush all toilets. They should refill as normal. Turn on all outdoor taps. All outdoor drinking water taps should run dry while the purple recycled water taps should continue to run. If this is not the case it could indicate a cross connection, which is where the two water supplies are connected to the wrong outlets.
- 4. When you turn your drinking water meter back on, ensure all drinking water taps are turned off and then turned on slowly to allow trapped air to escape.

If you suspect a cross connection has occurred, please contact your local plumber immediately and notify Westernport Water on 1300 720 711.



Summer time gardening

It's time to plant your summer fruit and vegetables...

HERBS – basil, chives, coriander, oregano, parsley

FRUIT & VEGETABLES — amaranth, beans, beetroot, bok-choy, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, chicory, chilli, cucumber, eggplant, kohl rabi, leek, lettuce, mustard greens, okra, parsnip, pumpkin, radish, rhubarb (crowns), rocket, rockmelon, salsify, silverbeet, squash, sunflower, sweet corn, tomato, watermelon, zucchini



Watering tip

Water your veggies consistently over dry periods with your recycled water as this will provide your garden with valuable nutrients. The nutrients in recycled water mean you don't need to fertilise your veggie patch or garden bed, which will ensure you have flourishing veggie beds all summer long.



Important reminders

Do you have a purple recycled water hose?

Class A recycled water pipes and fittings will look very similar to your normal plumbing fittings, however, all recycled water taps and fittings are coloured purple for easy identification and should be a non standard fitting to prevent accidental use.



Please ensure that your outdoor recycled water "Do not drink" signs are legible. If yours has faded, let us know. We have a limited number of replacement signs that can be collected from our Newhaven office.





Your updated Recycle Water Guide

Would you like more copies of the Recycled Water Guide?

Please give us a call on 1300 720 711 if you would like more copies.

Do your visitors know about Recycled Water?

It is your responsibility to educate your visitors on the safe uses for Recycled Water on your property. For more information, refer to your helpful Recycled Water Guide.



