



Waterwise garden bore use

Groundwater makes up 70 per cent of all water used in the Perth and Mandurah regions. This precious resource needs to be carefully managed and shared wisely by all water users so it can continue to support our environment, lifestyle and economy into the future. We all need to do our bit to conserve groundwater, especially if you have a garden bore.

When can I use my garden bore?

In Western Australia, garden bores do not need to be licensed if they are used for irrigating small areas of garden and lawn (fewer than 2,000 m²) and the water is taken from the shallow, watertable aquifer (such as Perth's Superficial aquifer). To help save our precious groundwater and only give gardens the water they need, the following permanent water efficiency measures and exemptions apply to garden bores in Perth:

Daytime sprinkler use is restricted

- ✓ You can use your garden bore once on a rostered day, either before 9am or after 6pm. This reduces the amount of water lost through evaporation.

Two rostered watering days a week in Perth

- ✓ You can use a garden bore on two rostered days a week in the Perth–Mandurah area and on any day for other parts of WA.

Switch off sprinklers for winter

- ✓ You must not use sprinklers from 1 June to 31 August each year in Perth and the South West. Your garden already gets enough water during this period thanks to winter rain and lower evaporation rates.

Automatic exemption for maintenance

- ✓ You may use your garden bore and sprinklers while the system is being installed, maintained, tested or repaired, to the minimum extent necessary. We recommend a maximum of two minutes per station, and to carry out work on your roster days, before 9am or after 6pm.

New lawn and garden establishment

- ✓ You must apply for a temporary exclusion from sprinkler restrictions if you need to water new lawns and gardens while they're being established.

Report a breach in sprinkler use in Perth and South West

- ✓ Help save groundwater in Perth and report a breach in sprinkler restrictions. Anyone found using a garden bore in breach of sprinkler restrictions can be fined \$100.



The right advice for garden bores

Find out where garden bores are suitable

Not all areas are suitable for garden bores.

Use the Perth groundwater map to check your local groundwater conditions and if garden bores are suitable. Visit: www.water.wa.gov.au/maps-and-data/maps/perth-groundwater-atlas

Garden bore construction guidelines

We recommend that garden bores are constructed by an experienced and accredited driller who is licensed by the Australian Drilling Industry Association.

An accredited driller will ensure construction meets industry standards and is suitable for your needs.



Create and maintain a waterwise garden

If we all take waterwise steps in our gardens, we can save a bit of our precious groundwater and adapt our gardens to be more waterwise and climate resilient.

- ✓ Choose waterwise plants and create hydrozones.
- ✓ Improve your soil and use mulch.
- ✓ Install and build more climate-resilient lawns.
- ✓ Increase and maintain your lawn's health.
- ✓ Choose the right sprinklers for your garden and maintain them.
- ✓ Choose the right irrigation controller and water right for the weather.
- ✓ Use an endorsed waterwise specialist.



Find out more

Be groundwater wise:

begroundwaterwise.wa.gov.au

Water Corporation's waterwise help:

www.watercorporation.com.au/Waterwise

Irrigation Australia's waterwise help:

www.waterwiseprograms.com.au

