

# YOUR GUIDE TO EFFICIENT GARDEN IRRIGATION

Even in our variable climate, our gardens can flourish through wise water use. Efficient irrigation is now a way of life and will ensure we can maintain the balance of beautiful gardens and sustainable water use. All it takes is a little planning by getting to know your garden's requirements, choosing the right plants and mulches, and using water-efficient products.

Make sure you understand how to comply with the efficient irrigation guidelines.



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Securing our water, together.

You can water your garden with efficient irrigation systems that use 9 litres a minute\* or less, depending on the watering times and specific requirements.

## ✓ WHAT'S IN

No more than 9 litres a minute\*

### IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

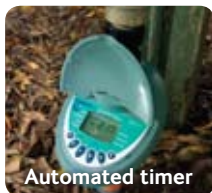
You can use:



But only with:



OR



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And only during set watering times.

### SPRINKLERS

You can also use:



But only with a:



And only during set watering times.

irrigation equipment such as emitters and  
Check local water restriction information  
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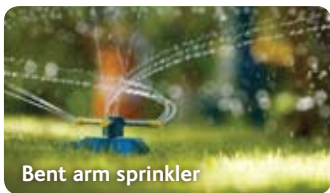
## **X WHAT'S OUT**

More than 9 litres  
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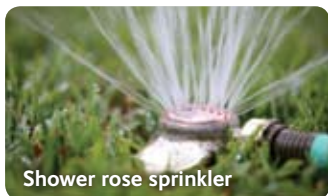
### You can't use:



Impact sprinkler



Bent arm sprinkler



Shower rose sprinkler



Soaker hose

### You also can't:

- use a system with emitters using more than 9 litres a minute (unless it is approved by a certified irrigation professional)
- let water fall on pathways and driveways
- let water pond, pool or run off
- water outside of allocated hours and water restriction requirements.

### **\*Certified Irrigation Systems**

Your irrigation system may be efficient even though it does not meet some of these requirements. A certified irrigation professional can approve your system if it is efficient. Contact Irrigation Australia for a list of professionals in your area – visit [www.irrigationaustralia.org.au](http://www.irrigationaustralia.org.au) or call 02 9476 0142.

## GARDENING AND WATERING TIPS

- Look for household irrigation equipment with the Smart Approved WaterMark – this lets you know they're water efficient
- Monitor the amount of water your entire system uses. Efficient irrigation systems connected to high flow taps can use a lot of water
- Mulch the garden to reduce evaporation
- Don't water when you don't need to – check the weather forecast, your soil and rain gauge to see if the garden needs watering
- Use rainwater at any time (as long as it's not connected to the mains supply)
- Maintain your irrigation system – consider getting assistance from your local irrigation store
- Don't water in windy conditions



## WHERE DO EFFICIENT IRRIGATION GUIDELINES APPLY?

Efficient irrigation guidelines apply across Queensland – under the Queensland Plumbing and Drainage Act all irrigation systems must comply with these guidelines. Specific watering times and requirements may also apply in your area – check with your local council.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Download the efficient irrigation guidelines at [www.qwc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qwc.qld.gov.au) or call 1300 789 906
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