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Winter Sprinkler Bans Commence

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton reminded the community of the State Government's Winter Sprinkler Ban that runs for the next three months from 1 June to 31 August 2011.

"Water is a vital but limited resource. We must conserve our water wherever possible, especially as last year we had one of the driest winters on record," said Dr Nahan.

"The Winter Sprinkler Ban applies to garden bores, scheme and more than 600 licensed bore water users, including local governments, schools, golf courses, Government departments, universities, TAFE campuses, major parks, racecourses and business irrigating areas of non-commercial turf, lawn and gardens."

"Householders can still hand-water their gardens and bore owners can run their bores for two-minutes per station once a week on one of their normal rostered days, either before 9am or after 6pm, to help maintain their bore system."

Dr Nahan said the Winter Sprinkler Ban was trialed last year and it proved to be extremely successful.

"Last year, it was very pleasing to see the local community getting behind the program and helping to save an estimated 4.2 billion litres of water," said Dr Nahan.

Dr Nahan said there were several exemptions available from the Winter Sprinkler Ban if they were required.

"Families establishing a new lawn or garden can apply for an exemption, as well as community garden managers," said Dr Nahan.

"Similarly, active sporting areas such as those in schools and local government ovals are allowed minimal irrigation during winter to maintain the grounds because of the value of those sporting grounds to the wider community."

"Saving water is now one of the fundamental requirements of our local community and I encourage everyone to do their bit to conserve water wherever possible."

To apply for a water exemption if you are establishing a new lawn or garden, contact the Water Corporation on 13 10 39.

Water saving tips:

Reduce your shower time and save up to 12 litres of water per minute.

Install a water efficient showerhead. Utilise the State Government's free showerhead swap program through Bunnings to have up to two new replacement showerheads.

Only use your washing machine when you have a full load and save up to 120 litres per load.

Check your home is leak-free. Fixing a water leak can save up to 30 litres per day.

Plant waterwise plants and apply wetting agents to allow the water to get to the roots.

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