

## What can I use my recycled water for?



### Recycled water CAN be used for the following purposes:

- Flushing toilets
- Watering plants, gardens and lawns
- Washing cars and paved areas
- Filling ornamental ponds and water features (without fish)

### Recycled water CAN NOT be used for any of the following purposes:

- Drinking
- Cooking or other kitchen purposes
- Personal washing (baths/showers/ hand basins and bidets)
- Cleaning indoor households
- Filling swimming pools and spas
- Recreational activities involving contact (ie children playing under sprinklers)
- Evaporative coolers

## What do I need to be responsible for?

As a householder with recycled water connected to their home, you will need to ensure that members of your household, visitors and tenants are aware of what recycled water can be used for.

It is important to ensure there is no interconnection of the drinking water and recycled water supplies. Only licensed/ registered plumbers should be engaged to work on recycled water plumbing fixtures.

Ensure the recycled water meter is kept accessible for water meter readings and any necessary maintenance. Please ensure the meter is not buried nor obstructed by plant overgrowth.

For emergencies and leaks on the Council side of the meter please call 8408 1111.

## Want more information on recycled water?

There are number of government agencies that may assist you with further information on the general use of recycled stormwater.

Department of Health  
Environment Protection Authority  
Essential Services Commission of South Australia  
Energy & Water Ombudsman of South Australia



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# The City of Charles Sturt RECYCLED WATER HOUSEHOLDERS GUIDE





## What is Charles Sturt Recycled Water and why should I use it?

Charles Sturt recycled water is stormwater that has been collected, treated to a standard fit for intended purposes, approved by the Department of Health stored in underground aquifers and distributed within the Council area through a distinctive purple pipe network.

By reusing treated stormwater to water our parks and gardens, flush toilets, wash cars and fill ornamental ponds and water features our city is reducing its reliance on drinking water supplies that are taken from the River Murray.

Collecting stormwater helps waterproof our suburbs by reducing flood risks and works to keep our local estuaries and marine environments healthy by reducing stormwater runoff.

Recycled water can be used year round, even during summer water restrictions and recycled water costs less than drinking water.

recycled water?

Does my house have



You can easily identify if your house is connected to recycled water.

Located near your normal drinking water meter will be a distinctively coloured purple or lilac meter.

This purple/lilac meter is the main recycled water supply to your home.

The house will also have outside taps and toilet taps that are coloured the same purple/lilac as the water meter. Outside taps should also have warning signage identifying the water supply as 'Recycled Water' and possibly removable handles.

## Is recycled water safe?

Charles Sturt recycled stormwater is safe (Class A) water treated to a standard fit for purposes approved by the Department of Health, but is not fit for drinking.

When living in a house with recycled water it is important to remember:

- Only use recycled water for the approved purposes.
- All work on plumbing pipework must be conducted by a licenced/registered plumber who provides you with a Certificate of Compliance at the completion of their work.
- All taps must be clearly marked with warning signage and be coloured purple, do not change these fittings for those without the purple colour.
- If external taps have removable tap handles, remove them when not being used, this way children won't accidentally drink from them.
- A cross connection audit must be conducted by a licenced/registered plumber every 5 years or on sale of a property. Instructions for a self-check can be found in Council's Recycled Water Plumbing Installation Guide available online at [www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au](http://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au) or from Council offices.