







Water use efficiency programs

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Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme This Australia-wide rating and labelling system compares the relative water efficiency and water consumption of indoor plumbing products, sanitary ware and white goods. By choosing to use more water-efficient products in the home, Australians will save water and reduce their water and energy bills.	✓	✓	✓
Smart Approved Water Mark scheme The Smart Approved Water Mark is Australia's water saving labelling program for products and services that help to reduce water use outside the house.	✓	✓	✓
Waterwise Council program The Waterwise Council program is a joint initiative of the Department of Water and Water Corporation. It aims to build a cooperative working relationship with local governments to improve water-use efficiency within councils and their communities. More information on the program is provided on the Department of Water and Water Corporation's websites.	✓		
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability Water Campaign™ ICLEI's Water Campaign™ is a framework of milestones that aim to improve local government water-use management, water-use efficiency and local water quality. For more information or to become an ICLEI member council contact the Water Campaign Australia Manager at 9364 0643 or visit their website.	✓		
Irrigation efficiency Irrigation Australia Ltd provides expert advice on irrigation efficiency and uniformity and certification courses for irrigation practitioners. The WA branch has also developed a waterwise garden irrigator program to optimise water-use efficiency of domestic watering systems installed in Western Australia. For activities in Western Australia contact Irrigation Australia on 9474 9089 or visit the website.	✓	✓	
New Water Ways New Water Ways is a partnership between the Department of Water, the Department of Planning, the WA Local Government Association, the Urban Development Institute of Australia and the Swan River Trust. The New Water Ways website provides information on water sensitive urban design and development for industry practitioners and local government. It provides training, educational site visits of demonstration projects, networking events and hosts international and national experts in the range of water sensitive urban design functions.	✓	✓	
Waterwise Land Development Program The Waterwise Development Program is unique to WA and enables developments that have applied water efficient principles to be recognised and endorsed by Water Corporation. For more information visit their website.	✓	✓	✓

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<p>Sustainable urban development</p> <p>The certified EnviroDevelopment program recognises environmentally sustainable development in urban areas. The water element includes improved water use through water-use efficiency mechanisms and reduced drinking water use through source substitution such as rainwater, stormwater harvesting or recycled water. For Western Australian EnviroDevelopment Standards visit the website.</p> <p>The Green Building Council of Australia has developed Green Star, a comprehensive national, voluntary rating system that evaluates the environmental design and construction of buildings. Buildings can get points for reducing internal drinking water consumption, reducing landscape watering, metering and monitoring water use, etc. A free download of the tools is available from the GBCA website.</p>			
<p>Waterwise Specialists</p> <p>The Water Corporation has teamed up with businesses and industry to promote waterwise programs. The Waterwise specialists include garden assessors, garden centres, irrigators, landscapers, irrigation design shops, lawn mowing contractors, plumbers and water auditors. They aim to help the community save water both inside and outside the home by providing specialist advice on waterwise products and services. More information is provided on the website.</p>			
<p>Water saving tips</p> <p>The Water Corporation has developed a range of programs and practical tips on how to be waterwise in your home and garden. For an overview visit their website.</p>			
<p>Waterwise gardening</p> <p>Sustainability and protecting the natural environment are becoming increasingly important to most people's lives. For more information on waterwise gardening visit the following websites:</p> <p>Great gardens workshops. The experts at Great Gardens provide free events, information, advice and education, focusing on resource management in the home and garden.</p> <p>The South East Urban Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) has published a map, plus <i>Fertilise Wise</i> guides and local plant guides relevant to the soil types in particular areas.</p> <p>Waterwise plants and trees for Perth gardens – this interactive search program is available on the Water Corporation website.</p>			