

Living with recycled water



Safe use of recycled (non-drinking) water

We want to ensure safe use of recycled (non-drinking) water in Googong and to realise the vision of minimising the use of a scarce resource – water. We can only do this with your help. The information below will help you be prepared for recycled water and use it effectively on your property.

The most important thing to remember about living with recycled water is only use it for the correct purposes. See separate fact sheet titled "Using recycled water" which shows you what you can and can't use recycled water for.

Gardening with recycled (non-drinking) water

- Recycled water does tend to have a higher nutrient and salt content than potable (drinking) water. This means that certain plants will prosper in this environment while others may not.
- When thinking about landscaping you need to consider salt tolerant plants. Your local nursery should be able to help you with this if you tell them you will be using recycled water for irrigation.
- Also consider best practice watering techniques such as watering your plants in the mornings or afternoons. Try not to use sprinklers on particularly windy days.



How you can help

Certain substances and products can affect the operation and ongoing costs of the Water Recycling Plant.

You can help us by being mindful about what you put down your sinks and toilet. See the suggestions on the back of this fact sheet.

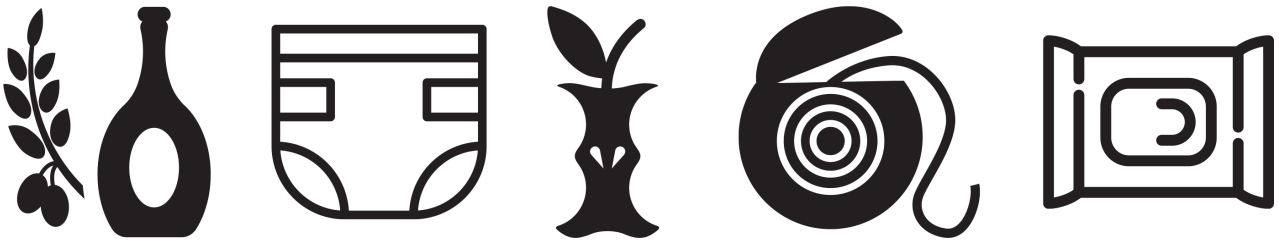


FACT SHEET

Cooking oils, nappies, food scraps, personal hygiene products and wet wipes

TIP - DO NOT PUT DOWN THE SINK OR DRAIN.

Always bin these items. They can harm the environment and upset the efficient recycling of water.



Fuels or corrosive and flammable liquids

TIP - DO NOT PUT DOWN THE SINK OR DRAIN. DO NOT PUT IN THE RUBBISH BIN.

For information on how to safely dispose of products like these, visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au



Household cleaning and clothes washing products that contain phosphates

TIP - AVOID USING THESE ITEMS.

These chemicals are known to have serious negative impacts on natural waterways and the environment.

