

Recycled water and the Real Estate industry



Recycled water in Googong

To reduce demand on drinking water supplies, Googong is supplied with high quality recycled water. The recycled water is generally for use outside the house and also for toilet flushing.

To protect public health, it is critically important that residents and visitors to the township understand how to safely use recycled water. As somebody who works in the real estate industry, you play an important part in ensuring new residents are informed.

Solicitors/Conveyancers and Property Buyers/Sellers

It is important for solicitors, conveyancers, vendors and buyers of real estate, and real estate agents to be aware of the supply of recycled water to Googong properties and to pass that information on to any interested party.

Landlords and real estate agents

Landlords and real estate agents have a legal obligation to ensure tenants are aware that the property is supplied with recycled water and know what recycled water can and can't be used for.

In addition, if you engage any tradespeople to undertake works on the property, you should also ensure that they are aware that recycled water is supplied at the property.



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What you should tell buyers, sellers or new tenants?

If you are selling or leasing a property, we recommend that you tell potential buyers of properties or new tenants that:

- The property is supplied with recycled water.
- Recycled water is safe for intended uses.
- Information on the use of recycled water is available in a separate fact sheet titled "Using recycled water" and on Council's website.

If you are the buying the property, we recommend that you:

- Ask when the last cross-connection check was completed.
- Ask which taps supply recycled water.
- Check that all recycled water taps are labelled.
- Visit Council's website to learn more about recycled water.

What should be included in property maintenance inspections?

As a minimum, QPRC recommends that the following actions are undertaken during routine inspections of the property:

- All recycled water taps are clearly labelled and visible. Replacement signage is the responsibility of the owner and can be bought from most plumbing suppliers.
- External recycled water tap handles are removed when not in use.
- You undertake a cross-connection check after any construction or maintenance works, when you buy/sell the property, when you change tenancies or once a year. Information on how to conduct a cross-connection check is available in a separate fact sheet titled "Cross connection check" and on Council's website.

