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Gardening with recycled (non-drinking) water

- Recycled water does tend to have a higher nutrient and salt content than potable 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 morning and afternoons as well as not using sprinklers on particularly on windy days.



Googong Water Recycling Plant

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.

What?	Toilet, sink or drain?	Rubbish bin?	Tip
 <p>Cooking oils, nappies, food scraps, personal hygiene products and wet wipes</p>			Always bin these items. They can harm the environment and upset the efficient recycling of water.
 <p>Fuels or corrosive and flammable liquids</p>			Engine oil can be taken to the Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre, Lorn Rd, other liquids can be taken to Mugga Lane Tip and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council holds an annual Household Chemical Clean Up
 <p>Household cleaning and clothes washing products that contain phosphates</p>			Avoid using, as these chemicals are known to have serious negative impacts on natural waterways and the environment.



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How you can prepare for recycled (non-drinking) water

Check that:

- a licensed plumber with a Backflow Accreditation has been used to install your water and wastewater system
- a test of the non-drinking water (recycled water and non-drinking water) system has been completed by a licensed plumber
- you have blue water meter for potable water and a purple water meter for recycled water
- your outside recycled water irrigation taps have removable handles
- your recycled water taps have the appropriate signage
- everyone in your household knows how to use recycled water safely



What you need to do when recycled (non-drinking) water is available

- Continue to use a licensed plumber with a Backflow Accreditation for all future plumbing work
- After any building works, employ a plumber to conduct a test of your non-drinking water system
- Remove your outside recycled water tap handles when not in use
- Regularly check that your recycled water taps have signage
- Ensure your visitors know how to use recycled water.

Fees and charges

As the owner and operator of the Water Recycling Plant and system, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will levy residents charges for both potable water and recycled water. Information on this can be found by visiting <http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au>