

# Recycled water in public places



## How is recycled water used in public places?

Recycled water is used to irrigate public parks and sports fields. All taps that supply recycled water are fitted with a "Not suitable for drinking" sign.

Excess recycled water may also be released periodically from the reservoirs to fill water features in Googong. Water released to the environment from the reservoirs is dechlorinated to protect the environment.



## Advice for pet owners

You should discourage your pet from drinking or swimming in ponds filled with recycled water. The recycled water is treated to a high standard and the water will also be a mix of stormwater and recycled water. Stormwater in Googong also goes through water quality improvement devices to improve its quality.

The pond in the Barkley Dog Park is only provided with stormwater.

## Advice for sports clubs

Recycled water will be used to irrigate grass sports fields and surrounding landscaping. Recycled water is treated to a high standard and there is a low risk of any negative health effects from approved uses. However, players should try to avoid contact with recycled water.



FACT SHEET

Question?	Answer
Do we warn our players, parents and visitors about recycled water?	Only if you want to. Fields irrigated with recycled water and all recycled water taps have signs displayed. All users should avoid contact with recycled water. If anybody accidentally uses recycled water for an unapproved use, please contact QPRC.
The sprinklers came on during our training session or the fields are still wet from the overnight irrigation. What should we do?	If you get recycled water on you, rinse with potable water (drinking water) and use standard hygiene practices such as washing your hands with soap before eating. If you accidentally use recycled water for an unapproved use, such as drinking, contact QPRC.
There is an area of the field that is always wet or has standing water. What should we do?	This may be a leaking irrigation pipe. Please contact Council on 1300 735 025 and ask to speak to someone in the Urban Landscapes Section.
One of the players has got a cut or graze during the game. What should we do?	Standard first aid treatment, including cleaning the injured area with potable water will mitigate the risk. For serious wounds, seek medical assistance.