

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Shire of Cranbrook to save it for summer through Winter Sprinkler Switch-off

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- Businesses and households in Shire of Cranbrook required to switch off sprinklers from 1 June
- 60 billion litres of water saved across the State since 2010 - enough to fill Optus Stadium 60 times
- 80 per cent of people do the right thing and switch off for winter

Households and businesses in the Shire of Cranbrook are being asked to save it for summer during the annual Winter Sprinkler Switch-off.

The switch-off is a permanent water efficiency initiative requiring scheme and bore users to turn off garden reticulation from 1 June to 31 August, helping save precious water for when it's needed most.

Each year, this simple yet effective measure helps save more than 5 billion litres of scheme water. Adopting water-saving practices inside and outside the home is vital as the State continues to adapt to the impacts of climate change on water supply.

A recent survey by Water Corporation found around 80 per cent of customers do the right thing and switch off their sprinklers in winter.

Using sprinklers during the switch-off can result in a \$100 fine if witnessed by a Water Corporation inspector, or a written warning if reported by a member of the public.

With nearly 70 per cent of non-compliance related to switching off late or switching on early, people are being encouraged to act now ahead of the 1 June deadline.

Since being introduced in 2010, the annual Winter Sprinkler Switch-Off has saved around 60 billion litres of water - enough to fill Optus Stadium 60 times.

Hand watering is permitted during the Switch-off and some exemptions may also apply. In areas of Western Australia not subject to the Switch-off, normal watering rosters and daytime sprinkler bans apply.

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“It is great to see the Shire of Cranbrook and its community is being proactive to save water this winter”, she said.

“This is important to ensure water sustainability now and into the future.”

“I encourage other Shires across the Agricultural Region to consider participating in this great initiative in the future”.

Comments attributed to Water Minister Simone McGurk:

"The cooler months are a great time to switch off and let the winter rain take care of our gardens, saving water for the warmer months when there is a greater need for sprinklers.

"With over 40 per cent of home water use in the garden, average households can significantly reduce consumption during winter, lowering their bill and contributing to a total saving of some 5 billion litres of water.

"I'm urging everyone, including the one in five who may have forgotten to switch-off in the past, to do the right thing and ensure your irrigation is off from 1 June.

"Water Corporation is continually planning climate resilient water sources for WA, but it's important that we all work together to ensure future generations continue to enjoy a secure, sustainable water supply.

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Attachment 1: Full List of Local Government Areas where the Winter Sprinkler Switch-off applies

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Perth and Peel	South West/Great Southern
City of Swan	Shire of Dardanup
City of Wanneroo	Shire of Denmark
Shire of Kalamunda	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
Shire of Mundaring	Shire of Harvey
Shire of Murray	Shire of Manjimup
Shire of Peppermint Grove	Shire of Nannup
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale	Shire of Plantagenet
Town of Bassendean	Shire of Waroona
Town of Cambridge	City of Albany
Town of Claremont	City of Bunbury
Town of Cottesloe	Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
Town of East Fremantle	Shire of Boyup Brook
Town of Kwinana	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
Town of Mosman Park	City of Busselton
Town of Victoria Park	Shire of Capel
Town of Vincent	Shire of Collie
City of Armadale	Shire of Cranbrook
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
City of Canning	
City of Cockburn	
City of Fremantle	
City of Gosnells	
City of Joondalup	
City of Mandurah	
City of Melville	
City of Nedlands	
City of Perth	
City of Rockingham	
City of South Perth	
City of Stirling	
City of Subiaco	