



Become a Living Water Smart Irrigation Supplier

In Darwin we love our outdoor lifestyle, and our gardens and lawns make great living spaces. On the flip side, they are generally very thirsty. Living Water Smart aims to help Darwin residents water more efficiently in their gardens, while still maintaining a great outdoor lifestyle. That's where you, as an irrigation specialist can help.

Why reduce water use?

In Darwin we currently use more water than can be captured and supplied. Living Water Smart is a Power and Water initiative that aims to help the Darwin community reduce water use for a sustainable water future.

You might be surprised that Darwin needs to be water efficient. Many people think that we have an endless supply of water, but this is a myth. Only a small portion of our rain is captured in our dam and more than two thirds of it evaporates in the dry. Our population is growing, as is our household water use. That's a lot of pressure on our water supply.

How can you help?

Through Living Water Smart's Water Efficiency Consultations it has been found that on average lawns and outdoor irrigation account for 57% of total household water use.

To assist residents to be more water efficient in their gardens Living Water Smart now offers a Garden Tune Up rebate.

The aim of Garden Tune Ups are to provide Darwin residents with a water efficient irrigation schedule and a quick tune up of their irrigation system.

The Garden Tune Up will focus on:

- Creating a water efficient irrigation schedule and educating householders on the principles of watering longer, a little less often to encourage deeper roots and a healthy garden.
- Fixing simple irrigation leaks.
- Training people on the use of their irrigation controllers.

What is involved in the Garden Tune Up?

Living Water Smart has found that most people in the Darwin region over water their gardens and lawns.

For residents to be eligible for a Garden Tune Up they must have an irrigation system that is capable of setting a timed irrigation schedule.

During the Garden Tune Up irrigators will be asked to quantify the householder's current water use by recording the existing irrigation schedule and flow rates for each irrigation line measured from the water meter.

Each Garden Tune Up participant will receive a card highlighting their new, water efficient irrigation schedule and potential water savings.

As a supplier you will be provided with a template built into an online app, which needs to be completed for each Garden Tune Up participant.

Advice should help the resident to maintain the garden they desire but in the most water efficient way their system allows.

What are we aiming for?

It is hoped that the majority of gardens can move from being watered daily, to a minimum gap of every second day. Some garden zones should have a much longer gap, and a weaning period may be necessary.

What is in it for your business?

- The ability to offer a value-added service to your customers.
- Supporting promotional collateral and campaigns to help you promote your services to existing and new customers.
- Promotion of your business via the Living Water Smart website, social media and Customer Service Centres in Darwin and Palmerston.
- Additional exposure of your business through good news stories on our website and via local media.

Who is eligible to become a registered supplier?

To become a registered irrigation supplier with Living Water Smart you need to have completed a minimum of 12 months experience providing irrigation services to customers in the Darwin region.

You will also be required to attend a free one day Garden Tune Up supplier course.

It is free to become a Living Water Smart irrigation supplier.

How does billing work?

Living Water Smart will pay \$300 or \$500 per Garden Tune Up, according to the size of property.

The \$300-\$500 rebate is inclusive of up to \$50 or quick-fix irrigation components if necessary.

For payment of Garden Tune Up services provided suppliers must submit:

- The Garden Tune Up Report using the provided app.
- A copy of the customer booking.
- A tax invoice for work completed.

For questions please contact Living Water Smart via email at info@livingwatersmart.com.au or call 8995 5861.

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