Industry Notification

Recycled water to flow for residential washing machines in 2015

2 October 2014

From 1 January 2015, recycled water will begin to flow for residential laundry washing machines in housing estates where recycled water connections are available.

The use of recycled water in laundries is possible due to the upgrade of Melbourne Water’s Eastern Treatment Plant. South East Water is supportive of any customers wanting their plumber to install recycled water connections in the laundry before it is a requirement from 1 January 2015.

Conditions of Connection issued for new homes in mandated Class A recycled water areas, after 1 January 2015, will include the requirement for plumbers to install a recycled water washing machine stop tap in the laundry. This is in addition to the hot and cold drinking water taps normally installed.

Each laundry will have three taps suitable for a washing machine connection: a hot water tap, a cold water tap and a recycled water tap. This will provide customers with the choice of using recycled water in their washing machines.

Developers, contractors and consultants may require further materials to facilitate recycled water connection to residential washing machines.

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