



ALTERNATE WATER PLUMBING

Important requirements for the use of alternate water on properties within reticulated drinking water areas.

The number of properties accessing bore water and other alternate water sources like greywater and underground rainwater tanks to supplement water for irrigation purposes has greatly increased over recent years.

Where these alternate water sources exist, it is important that the mains water system is protected from any possible contamination that may result if the alternate water is connected to the mains water supply.

While we don't recommend connecting your alternate water supply to your mains water supply, if you do, it is important to understand:

- Any proposed connection between the alternate water source and the mains water supply requires prior approval from South East Water.
- A connection between the alternate water source to the mains supply must only occur with the appropriate containment backflow prevention device installed. Additional backflow prevention devices may also be required on the internal piping system.

- The installation must be carried out in accordance with South East Water's requirements and the provisions of AS/NZS3500.1:2003. All work must be carried out by an appropriately licensed plumber.
- Any medium and high hazard containment backflow prevention devices installed must be registered with South East Water and must be commissioned and annually tested by accredited Plumbing Industry Commission licensed plumbers.

These requirements also apply for the use of below ground rainwater tanks.

Compliance with these requirements will assist us in continuing to provide customers and the community with a reliable source of the highest quality water.

To discuss these requirements or to find out more, please call us on **131 694**.

For information regarding the requirements for bore water licensing contact Southern Rural Water 1300 139 510 or visit www.srw.com.au