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Home Water Audits for Tennant Creek Residents

Tennant Creek residents will have the opportunity to learn about how to save water in their home during National Water Week, 21-27 October 2007.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA) Water Conservation Officer Michelle Walker and DKA COOLMob Project Manager Kat Taylor will be conducting home water audits on Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October 2007.

Ms Walker said a trained auditor assists householders to identify areas of high water use and recommend solutions for reducing household water use.

"In Alice Springs, one of the main recommendations for residents to reduce water use is to cut back on garden irrigation, as many gardens are over watered," Ms Walker said.

"We explain to householders that it is actually possible to wean gardens off high water use, by watering less often or for a shorter duration, and if it's done gradually the plants are able to adapt.

"During the audits we also explain to householders what rebates are available for water saving products and services.

"Many people don't know that the Northern Territory Government is offering rebates to residents in Tennant Creek for water saving products and eligible plumbing services through the NT Waterwise Central Australia Rebate Scheme."

The Product Rebate provides a rebate of up to \$50 for eligible water saving products such as a 4 or 5 star washing machine or a garden tap timer, which can be claimed by visiting True Value Hardware, Littler Rippers Discount, Orlando Furniture or Green's Plumbing and Gasfitting.

The Plumbing Rebate provides a rebate of up to \$500 for eligible plumbing services performed by a trained Green Plumber including connecting a rainwater tank to a household fixture, or installing an NT approved greywater device.

Green Plumbers have been trained on the latest water saving technology, environmental impacts of plumbing services, appliances and household practices.

For more information on the rebates or to book an Audit during National Water Week go to www.nt.gov.au/waterwise or call the Northern Territory Government Water Conservation Branch on 8951 9209.

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