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TasWater urges customers to conserve water on Total Fire Ban days

TasWater is asking everyone across the state to avoid non-essential water use due to a Total Fire Ban.

“It is critical that the Tasmania Fire Service and residents who are facing a bushfire threat have water available in the system for firefighting and fire prevention,” TasWater’s Mark McConnon said.

“Bushfires are unpredictable so even if you are in an area that is not currently affected by bushfires it is important everyone plays their part to conserve water so there is enough to protect properties and life.

“We are not asking customers to avoid using water for essential purposes such as drinking and bathing but we do ask that activities such as watering gardens and lawns are deferred until the Total Fire Ban is lifted.”

Residents preparing their properties against fire may notice lower water pressure due to extra demand. Water systems are running at full capacity in at-risk areas so TasWater is unable to improve the pressure or flow at present.

Anyone evacuating their homes should turn off taps or hoses before leaving to ensure water is available to firefighters and neighbours protecting their homes.

On total fire ban days, Tasmanians are encouraged to reduce their water use by:

- Turning off all sprinkler systems, including automatic sprinkler systems.
- Where possible, restricting hose use to essential purposes such as firefighting or prevention.
- Rescheduling chores that require water, such as watering plants, washing windows or vehicles, to a day that isn’t a Total Fire Ban.

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