

Following the introduction of water restrictions across many parts of the country due to the combination of floods, fire, drought and dry conditions predicted throughout Summer, Mark Paul, the founder of The Greenwall Company shares his tips to be water efficient in the home. “Compared to 10 years ago, there are so many more options when it comes to being water efficient in your home, workplace and of course the garden. To prevent us reaching water restriction levels in the future, I believe that all households and workplaces should act like we are under them at all times. There is no need to use excessive amounts of water just because we can. Why not be a part of the solution,” says Mark. Mark Paul’s top five tips for being waterwise in the home and garden in 2020 include:

- Install a greenwall or greenroof: Our greenwall systems only use approximately 1.5L per sqm per day and many of the greenroofs we install survive on seasonal rain after they mature, while a standard lawn starts at around 20L per sqm per day and can go up to as much as 70L for sports fields.
- Don’t have a greenwaste bin: Our bread, pasta and rice all goes to our carp in our pond and all other food waste goes to our chickens. For grass and garden clippings, put them in composting mounds between the plantings or put them through a mulcher and return to the garden. If you reuse all of your greenwaste you don’t need to purchase mulch or fertilizer and you use less water.
- Do you need a lawn: How close is your local oval or park? Lawns require the highest level of water usage in the garden. In many homes the lawn is the most underutilised area. So, only lay natural grass where it is really needed and going to be used. Plus, native grasses are a great alternative for nature strips.
- Install a drip irrigation system: These must be on a timer and when installed correctly will deliver the exact amount of water the greenwall or garden requires. Saving time and money. Also consider installing a larger rainwater tank storage, suitable to your actual needs.
- Plant selection: Be smart about the plants you choose for your garden. Choose plants that are low maintenance and don’t require water every day. Look for starch storing plants such as Queensland Bottle trees, Illawarra Flame trees or Spear Lilies.

About The Greenwall Company: The Greenwall Company is the premier producer of modular and custom designed greenwalls in Australia. An unequalled product, Greenwall can be used like cladding to produce instant ‘greenspace’ both inside and out. The system developed by Mark Paul at The Greenwall Company over approximately 30 years, presents an innovative system based on inorganic media and adjustable substrate depth that retains moisture and simulates conditions resembling natural soil. In addition, by using plants adapted to impoverished environments and seasonal drought, The Greenwall Company achieves water efficient planting that is resilient to inevitable short-term human and mechanical failures. [www.greenwall.com.au](http://www.greenwall.com.au)

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