

Modified MGB Boosts Greywater Recycling

In an effort to meet the dramatic increase in demand for temporary greywater storage from washing machines, Adelaide-based bin manufacturing and distribution specialist MASTEC Australia Pty Ltd has released a modified version of its renowned 140-litre MGB that has been specifically designed for that purpose. The modified MASTEC 'greywater bin' provides an easy and efficient way for householders to collect the greywater from their washing machines and transport it to the garden for recycling.

The bin features a hole in the lid for the outlet hose from the washing machine, together with a simple level tap fitted with a standard snap-on hose fitting at the base of the front of the bin.

With most households doing an average of four loads of washing each week, even a water-saving front loader can use well over 200 litres of water – a figure which increases dramatically for large families or those using older-style top loading machines. Indeed, many households use anything up to 1,000 litres of water each week for clothes washing alone.

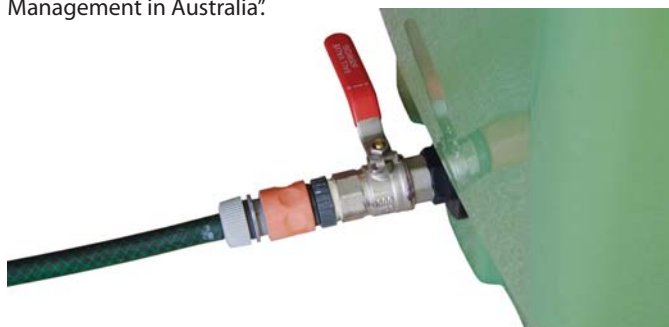
Needless to say, the combination of water restrictions and ever-increasing demands for improved water recycling and water use efficiency, many households have turned to greywater recycling to keep their gardens alive.

With that in mind, for many people, one of the most difficult aspects of greywater recycling is getting the water from the washing machine to the garden. The MASTEC greywater bin provides a simple and extremely cost-effective solution. All that is required is for the outlet hose from the washing machine to be placed into the bin (via the hole in the lid). When the washing is done, the outlet hose is removed, the bin is wheeled out into the garden and a standard garden hose is fitted to the gravity-fed tap on the front of the bin.

Importantly, the bin's compact design not only ensures that it remains manoeuvrable when full, it also helps to encourage householders to use the water straight away, rather than trying to use it for long-term storage (an important factor considering that greywater recycling legislation in several states requires captured greywater to be used within 24 hours).

Interestingly, the MASTEC Greywater Bin is also delivering an added bonus to Councils - many of whom have experienced a dramatic increase in MGB theft since the introduction of water restrictions. By providing householders with a cost-effective and purpose-built solution, MASTEC has found that areas where the Greywater Bin is being sold have seen a significant reduction in bin theft since the introduction of the new bin.

For further information, please contact MASTEC Australia Pty Ltd, Phone: (08) 8447 2500, Fax: (08) 8447 2032 or email: info@mastec.com.au quoting "Waste Disposal and Water Management in Australia".



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