

# Winchester New Allotment Holders Association (WNAHS)

To all WNAHS members...

## **Southern Water hosepipe ban, effective from 00.01hrs on Friday, 10th July.**

### **1. Background**

You will have all seen the recent announcement by Southern Water that they will be implementing a hosepipe ban from next Friday, 10th July.

This follows the warm spring and recent heatwaves putting severe pressure on the water supply, primarily taken from the River Itchen and its aquifers, and with the likelihood of further spells of hot weather still to come.

Over the last few months, the Committee has published advice on the WNAHS website, through a series of leaflets and by the attachment of 'memory jogger' notes to taps, highlighting the fact that the adoption of best practice, ie "water roots, not leaves" etc, can avoid the wasteful use of water and promote stronger, healthier plants.

Many members have taken this advice in the spirit in which it was intended, to remind us all about how best to use an increasingly scarce and expensive resource.

Despite this, we are aware that not everyone has taken these messages on board and so I would take this opportunity to encourage everyone to re-read this advice or consult other publications and websites for ideas of best watering practice.

### **2. Hosepipe ban**

In answer to the question, "*Can I still water my crops with a hosepipe?*", the Southern Water website advises that...

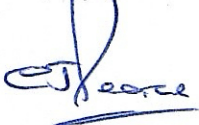
***"Yes, a hosepipe can be used to water food crops at domestic premises or private allotments, where this cannot be done via a watering can."***

Accordingly, **we would strongly urge members to use watering cans** whilst the hosepipe ban remains in place.

Since all of our sites have water taps on them, for the vast majority of members, the use of watering cans is a realistic option.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your site Convenor.

Thank you.



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Chair - WNAHS

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