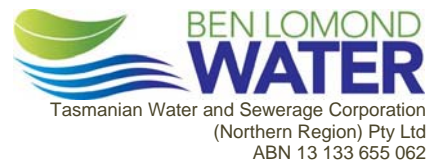


WATER RESTRICTION POLICY



STAGE 1

RATIONALE

Stage 1 restrictions are intended to enforce sensible water use and to prevent inefficient watering practices. They are designed to minimise unnecessary water consumption during peak daily demand periods, but to have little impact on the amenity of residential and community assets.

RESIDENTIAL, PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS AND LAWNS

Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4:00am.

Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

SPORTING GROUNDS

Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 10:00.

Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4:00am.

Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Some specified playing surfaces are exempt from restrictions. Please contact your local Water Corporation for more information.

PAVING, CONCRETE AND OTHER HARD SURFACES

Hosing is banned except for construction purposes or in emergency, or for health or safety hazard.

VEHICLES

A bucket, high pressure cleaning device or commercial car wash can be used at any time for vehicle washing. A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can only be used for pre-rinsing and rinsing.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POOLS AND SPAS

To fill or top up a new or existing pool or spa with a capacity 2,000 litres or less, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or a bucket must be used.

Pools and spas of greater than 2000 litres capacity must only be filled with approval from your Water Corporation.

EXEMPTIONS

Complete or part exemptions from any component of restriction may be given by your Water Corporation upon application.

STAGE 2

RATIONALE

Stage 2 restrictions are designed to reduce non-essential use of water by approximately 50% of average consumption. Non-essential residential and commercial use is limited to alternate days and watering of lawns is banned.

RESIDENTIAL, PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS AND LAWNS

Manual watering systems can only be used on gardens between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm on alternate days*.

Automatic watering systems can only be used on gardens between midnight and 4:00am on alternate days*.

Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or watering can may be used to water gardens at any time.

Watering of lawns is banned.

SPORTING GROUNDS

Councils and operators of sports grounds can water sports grounds on odd days of the month.

Some specified playing surfaces are exempt from restrictions. Please contact your local Water Corporation for more information.

PAVING, CONCRETE AND OTHER HARD SURFACES

Hosing is banned except for construction purposes or in emergency, or for health or safety hazard.

VEHICLES

Vehicles can be washed at home using a high pressure cleaning device or a bucket; or at a water efficient commercial car wash.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POOLS AND SPAS

To fill or top up a new or existing pool or spa with a capacity 2,000 litres or less, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or a bucket must be used, and must only occur on alternate days*.

Pools and spas of greater than 2000 litres capacity must only be filled with approval from your local water corporation.

EXEMPTIONS

Complete or part exemptions from any component of restriction may be given by your Water Corporation upon application.

- * *Alternate days means odd-numbered houses can water on odd days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.) and even numbered houses can water on even days of the month. Properties with no house number are considered even.*

STAGE 3

RATIONALE

Stage 3 restrictions are designed to reduce non-essential use of water by approximately 75% of average consumption. Watering of residential, public and commercial gardens is limited to levels intended to prevent long term vegetation damage and watering of lawns is banned.

RESIDENTIAL, PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS AND LAWNS

Watering of lawns is banned.

Garden areas (other than lawn) may be watered only by a manual dripper system or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger mechanism between 6am – 8am and 8pm – 10pm; on alternate days*.

Note: No other sprinkler/spray system is allowed. Automated systems are banned.

SPORTING GROUNDS

Watering banned on non-exempt playing surfaces, e.g. grassed oval or fairway.

Exempt surfaces (e.g. cricket pitch, golf and bowling greens etc) can be watered by manual dripper systems and hand-held hoses only as required between 6am - 10am and 8pm - midnight, or by automated watering systems only between midnight - 8am on alternate days*.

PAVING, CONCRETE AND OTHER HARD SURFACES

Hosing is banned except in emergency, or for health or safety hazards, or by exemption from your local Water Corporation.

VEHICLES

Water must not be used to clean a vehicle except by means of a commercial carwash (which use less than 70 litres of water per vehicle where water is drawn from your local water corporation reticulated water system); or a bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose) to clean vehicle windows, mirrors and lights and for spot-removing corrosive substances.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POOLS AND SPAS

Cannot be filled, added to or replaced without prior written approval from your local Water Corporation.

EXEMPTIONS

Complete or part exemptions from any component of restriction may be given by your Water Corporation upon application.

* *Alternate days means odd-numbered houses can water on odd days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.) and even numbered houses can water on even days of the month. Properties with no house number are considered even.*

STAGE 4

RATIONALE

Stage 4 restrictions allow only the consumption of water for essential public health purposes. All non-essential uses of water are banned unless an Exemption is issued by your local Water Corporation.

RESIDENTIAL, PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS AND LAWNS

All outside watering is banned. No watering at any time, by any means.

SPORTING GROUNDS

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PAVING, CONCRETE AND OTHER HARD SURFACES

Hosing is banned except in emergency, or for health or safety hazards.

VEHICLES

A vehicle may only be washed for health and safety reasons, in which case the windows and lights must be washed and rinsed by means of a bucket, filled directly from the tap (not by hose). Commercial car washes which use water from a source other than your water corporation reticulated water system can be used.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL POOLS AND SPAS

Cannot be filled, added to or replaced without prior written approval.

EXEMPTIONS

Complete or part exemptions from any component of restriction may be given by your Water Corporation upon application.

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Complete or part exemptions from any level of water restriction may be given by your Water Corporation upon application.

Requests for exemptions must be accompanied by a Water Conservation Plan. Such Plans are to include, as a minimum:

- The area to be irrigated
- Location of water meter(s)
- Details of existing watering arrangements and volumes
- Proposed watering arrangements and volumes
- Details of proposed watering mechanisms and appropriate waste minimisation processes
- Location and wording of signage to advise the general public of an exemption from Water Restrictions.

Note that some sports fields/playing surfaces are exempt from restrictions. Such surfaces include:

- Bowling or Croquet Greens
- Grass Tennis Courts
- Turf Cricket Wickets, including Practice Wickets
- Golf Tees or Greens (not approaches or fairways)
- Synthetic Hockey Pitches

Please contact your Water Corporation for further information.

Approved by the Board on 8 July 2011

Signed:



Chief Executive Officer