

## **WATER RESTRICTIONS – MOLE CREEK & BRIDPORT**

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that Stage 1 Water Restrictions were now in place in Bridport and Mole Creek.

“These restrictions are a water conservation measure aimed at reducing non-essential use of water by 10 to 20% and we are asking affected customers to conserve water and show consideration to other users,” Mr Cash said.

“Like many coastal holiday towns the population of Bridport swells during the summer months and results in a significant increase in demand on the water supply.

“The restrictions in Mole Creek are also designed to reduce demand and manage the supply of water to residents and businesses, particularly in outlying and higher areas which may experience low water pressure,” Mr Cash said.

Stage 1 restrictions are intended to enforce sensible water use and prevent inefficient water 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.

**Gardens and Lawns-** Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6am - 8am and 8pm - 10pm. Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight - 4am. Hand held hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

**Sporting Grounds-** Same limitations apply as ‘Gardens and Lawns’.

**Paving, Concrete and Other Hard Surfaces-** Hosing is banned except for construction purposes or for health and safety hazards.

**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.

**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 Ben Lomond Water.

Additional information, including how to apply for exemptions can be found on the Ben Lomond Water website [www.benlomondwater.com.au](http://www.benlomondwater.com.au)

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