

Policy 2.6 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Origin – RWCC Management Plan 2007/08

Name changed from 5.14 22/11/13

Objective

1. To conserve water supply during periods of drought or any other crisis involving the interruption of Council's water supply.
2. To provide guidelines for the management and implementation of restriction levels.

Policy statements

1. The General Manager in consultation with the Chairman is delegated authority to implement and revoke water restrictions.
2. The General Manager is delegated authority to issue exemptions from water restrictions.
3. Applications for exemptions must be applied for in writing.
4. All levels of restrictions will be subject to the appropriate trigger points.
5. If deemed necessary fines for non-compliance of restrictions will be implemented and enforced.
6. The operation of restrictions and water consumption will be closely monitored and this policy reviewed as necessary.

Water restriction stages:

Stage 1

DOMESTIC

Garden watering-The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between the hours of 10am-5pm each day is prohibited.

The use of hand held hoses is allowed.

Swimming pools (Private). No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No restrictions.

Washing of motor vehicles. No restrictions

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL

Public gardens, Sports grounds, Nurseries, Bowling greens. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between the hours of 10am-5pm each day is prohibited.

The use of hand held hoses is allowed.

Washing of motor vehicles. No restrictions.

Water cartage. No restrictions (Metered standpipes only).

Automatic flush toilets. No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No restrictions

INDUSTRIAL

No restrictions.

Trigger point

Commencement of daylight saving time in NSW regardless of current weather conditions.

Actions

Public awareness campaign to commence.

No implementation of non-compliance of restrictions fines unless repeat offender.

Stage 2

DOMESTIC

Garden watering. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between 5pm and 10am the following day allowed on three times per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses to water gardens allowed at any time.

Swimming pools (Private). No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of any hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

Washing of motor vehicles. Washing of cars with hoses allowed if not on hard surface.

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL

Public gardens, Sports grounds, Nurseries, Bowling greens. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between 5pm and 10am the following day allowed on three times per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses to water gardens allowed at any time.

Washing of motor vehicles. No restrictions.

Water cartage. No restrictions (Metered standpipes only).

Automatic flush toilets. No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of any hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

INDUSTRIAL

No restrictions.

Triggerpoint

Average daily rolling weekly usage exceeds 85ML per day or weekly consumption above 560ML.

Actions

Increased public awareness campaign.

Implementation of non-compliance for all consumers will commence. Charge based on Council's current fees and charges.

Stage 3

DOMESTIC

Garden watering. The use of fixed hoses, sprays allowed between 5pm and 10am one day per week and once on the weekend. Fixed sprinkler systems (automatic mode 10pm to 2am) and (manual mode 5pm to 10pm) one day per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses allowed only between the hours of 5pm and 10am daily.

Swimming pools (Private). Topping up only

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

Washing of motor vehicles. The washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash.

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL

Public gardens, Sports grounds, Nurseries, Bowling greens. The use of fixed hoses, sprays allowed between 5pm and 10am one day per week and once on the weekend. Fixed sprinkler systems (automatic mode 10pm to 2am) and (manual mode 5pm to 10pm) one day per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses to water gardens allowed at any time.

Washing of motor vehicles. The washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash.

Water cartage. From Council's fixed standpipes only

Automatic flush toilets. No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

INDUSTRIAL

No restrictions.

Triggerpoint

Current daily consumption continues to exceed 85ml per day or 560ml per week, and Council's allocation of water is reduced by up to 15%.

Action

Further increase in public awareness.

Non-compliance strictly enforced.

Stage 4

DOMESTIC

Garden watering. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems is prohibited.

The use of hand held hoses allowed only between the hours of 5pm and 10am daily.

Swimming pools (Private). Topping up only

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

Washing of motor vehicles. The washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash.

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL

Public gardens, Sports grounds, Nurseries, Bowling greens. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between 5pm and 10am the following day allowed on three times per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses to water gardens allowed at any time.

Washing of motor vehicles. The washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash.

Water cartage. From Council's fixed standpipes only

Automatic flush toilets. No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

INDUSTRIAL

No restrictions.

Triggerpoint

Council's allocation of water is reduced by between 15% and 50%.

Actions

Increase of public awareness through the calling of public meetings

Strict adhering to non-compliance orders.

Stage 5

DOMESTIC

Garden watering. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems is prohibited.

The use of watering cans or buckets allowed only between the hours of 5pm and 10am daily.

Swimming pools (Private). No topping up permitted at all. .

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

Washing of motor vehicles. The washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL

Public gardens, Sports grounds, Nurseries, Bowling greens. The use of fixed hoses, sprays and fixed sprinkler systems between 5pm and 10am the following day allowed on three times per week and once on the weekend. These days to be based on the ability of the system to handle the current situation from advice supplied by Council Engineering staff.

The use of hand held hoses to water gardens allowed at any time.

Washing of motor vehicles. washing of cars is prohibited unless at a commercial car wash

Water cartage. From Council's fixed standpipes only

Automatic flush toilets. No restrictions.

Hosing paved areas. No washing down of hard surfaces unless it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

INDUSTRIAL

No restrictions.

Triggerpoint

Council's allocation of water is reduced by more than 50%.

Actions

Increase of public awareness through the calling of public meetings

Strict adhering to non-compliance orders.