

# WATER RESTRICTIONS



## LEVEL 1 Water Restrictions

Watering of plants, gardens and lawns	Watering cans or buckets allowed at any time. Hand-held hoses with trigger or twist nozzles allowed at any time and must be attended at all times.
Use of manual sprinklers, automated sprinklers, micro-spray or drip watering irrigation systems	Not permitted on Mondays. Odd numbered houses allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 6pm and 8am for a maximum of 4 hours. Even (or no) numbered houses allowed on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between 6pm and 8am for a maximum of 4 hours.
Private swimming pools, spas and portable paddling pools - filling or topping up	Allowed at any time to the minimum operating level.
Water features (i.e. ponds, water fountains and ornaments)	Allowed at any time. Water fountains and ornaments must recycle water.
Water toys and facilities	Allowed at any time, provided they are operated in an efficient way to ensure that water is not excessively wasted.
Water storage tanks and dams	Must not be filled - unless an exemption has been approved.
Cleaning of vehicles, boats, jet skis and trailers	Water must not be used, except by means of: a) Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water. b) Hand held hoses with trigger or twist nozzles including high pressure, low volume cleaners. c) Watering cans or buckets filled directly from taps. d) Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use. Where possible, vehicles, boats, jet skis and trailers shall be cleaned on grassed areas.
Window cleaning	Can be cleaned at any time using: a) High pressure, low volume cleaners b) Trigger hoses c) Buckets or watering cans
Paved areas - cleaning	Hosing is prohibited, unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency. The use of a bucket is permitted at any time
Filling mobile water tankers (other than those directly used for fire fighting purposes)	Only by using Council approved and issued metered standpipes. Fees and charges, terms and conditions apply.
Construction Industry	Unless an exemption has been approved, the use of water in construction is limited to buckets and handheld hoses with trigger or twist nozzles.
Fire fighting or other emergency purposes	Any time as reasonably required.
Supplying water for livestock and other animals	Any time as reasonably required.
Any other purpose not listed in the water restrictions (except fire fighting, public health and safety, domestic purposes)	Water must not be used - unless an exemption has been approved.

Unless otherwise noted, restrictions refer to all private, public, commercial and industrial sectors within the Douglas Shire Council water supply area  
Failure to comply with Water Restrictions may incur penalties as described in s43 (5) of the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008.  
Douglas Shire Council operates under the Water Conservation General Policy.  
To apply for an exemption, please contact Douglas Shire Council and submit a form WW1 - Application - Exemption During A Water Restriction