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Activity	Description
Watering plants/gardens/lawns	Watering cans/buckets allowed at any time.
	Hand-held hoses with trigger/twist nozzles allowed at any time and must be attended at all times.
Use of manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand) or automated sprinklers, micro spray or drip watering irrigation systems	Irrigation systems are allowed between <b>6pm-8am</b> on alternate days: Even Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun OR Odd Street No: Tue, Thu, Sat OR No Prescribed Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun <b>Not permitted on Mondays</b>
Filling swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools	Filling allowed at any time to the minimum operating level.
Operation of water features (ponds, fountains and water ornaments)	Allowed at any time. Water fountains/ornaments must recycle water.
Using water toys and facilities	Allowed at any time, provided they are operated in an efficient way to ensure that water is not excessively wasted.
Filling water storage tanks and dams	No restrictions.
Cleaning of vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers	Water must not be used except by means of: <b>1)</b> Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water. <b>2)</b> Hand held hoses with trigger/twist nozzles including high pressure, low volume cleaners. <b>3)</b> Watering cans/buckets filled directly from taps. <b>4)</b> Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use. Where possible, vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers are to be cleaned on grassed areas.
Washing windows/external house cleaning	Windows can be cleaned at any time using: <b>1)</b> High pressure, low volume cleaners <b>2)</b> Trigger hoses <b>3)</b> Buckets or watering cans
Cleaning of paved areas/concrete surfaces	High pressure, low volume cleaners or hand held hoses are allowed for use at any time. 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/issued metered standpipes. Fees & charges and terms & conditions apply.
Construction Industry	No restrictions.
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)	NO unless an exemption has been approved.

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<b>Use of manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand) or automated sprinklers, micro spray or drip watering irrigation systems</b>	Irrigation systems are allowed between <b>6pm-8am for a maximum of 4 hours</b> on alternate days: Even Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun OR Odd Street No: Tue, Thu, Sat OR No Prescribed Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun <b>Not permitted on Mondays</b>
<b>Filling swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools</b>	Filling allowed at any time to the minimum operating level.
<b>Operation of water features (ponds, fountains and water ornaments)</b>	Allowed at any time. Water fountains/ornaments must recycle water.
<b>Using water toys and facilities</b>	Allowed at any time, provided they are operated in an efficient way to ensure that water is not excessively wasted.
<b>Filling water storage tanks and dams</b>	Water storage tanks and dams are not to be filled unless an exemption has been approved.
<b>Cleaning of vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers</b>	Water must not be used except by means of: <b>1) Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water.</b> <b>2) Hand held hoses with trigger/twist nozzles including high pressure, low volume cleaners.</b> <b>3) Watering cans/buckets filled directly from taps.</b> <b>4) Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use.</b> Where possible, vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers are to be cleaned on grassed areas.
<b>Washing windows/external house cleaning</b>	Windows can be cleaned at any time using: <b>1) High pressure, low volume cleaners</b> <b>2) Trigger hoses</b> <b>3) Buckets or watering cans</b>
<b>Cleaning of paved areas/concrete surfaces</b>	Using a hose is prohibited, cleaning allowed at any time using: <b>1) High Pressure, low volume cleaners</b> <b>2) Buckets or watering cans</b>
<b>Filling mobile water tankers (other than those directly used for fire fighting purposes)</b>	Only by using Council approved/issued metered standpipes. Fees & charges and terms & conditions apply.
<b>Construction Industry</b>	Unless an exemption has been approved, the use of water in construction is limited to buckets and handheld hoses with trigger/twist nozzles.
<b>Fire fighting or other emergency purposes</b>	Any time as reasonably required.
<b>Supplying water for livestock and other animals</b>	Any time as reasonably required.
<b>Any other purpose not listed in the water restrictions (except fire fighting, public health and safety, domestic purposes)</b>	NO unless an exemption has been approved.

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Use of manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand) or automated sprinklers, micro spray or drip watering irrigation systems	Irrigation systems are allowed between <b>6pm-7am for a maximum of 2 hours</b> on alternate days: Even Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun OR Odd Street No: Tue, Thu, Sat OR No Prescribed Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun <b>Not permitted on Mondays</b>
Filling swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools	Filling allowed at any time to the minimum operating level.
Filling water features (ponds, fountains and water ornaments)	Newly constructed ponds must not be filled for the first time. Existing ponds can be filled any time to the minimum operating level. Water fountains/ornaments must recycle water, lost water must not be replaced.
Using water toys and facilities	Allowed at any time, provided they are operated in an efficient way to ensure that water is not excessively wasted.
Filling water storage tanks and dams	Water storage tanks and dams are not to be filled unless an exemption has been approved.
Cleaning of vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers	Water must not be used except by means of: <b>1)</b> Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water. <b>2)</b> Hand held hoses with trigger/twist nozzles including high pressure, low volume cleaners. <b>3)</b> Watering cans/buckets filled directly from taps. <b>4)</b> Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use for a maximum 5 mins. Where possible, vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers are to be cleaned on grassed areas.
Washing windows/external house cleaning	Water must not be used except by means of a watering can/bucket.
Cleaning of paved areas/concrete surfaces	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/issued metered standpipes. Fees & charges and terms & 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/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)	NO unless an exemption has been approved.

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Watering plants/gardens/lawns	Watering cans/buckets allowed any time.  Hand-held hoses with trigger nozzles allowed between <b>6pm - 7am for a maximum of 1 hour</b> , must be attended at all times.	
Use of water efficient automated sprinklers, micro spray or drip watering irrigation systems	Irrigation systems are allowed between <b>6pm-7am for a maximum of 1 hour</b> on alternate days: Even Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun OR Odd Street No: Tue, Thu, Sat OR No Prescribed Street No: Wed, Fri, Sun <b>Not permitted on Mondays</b>	
Use of manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand)	Not permitted at any time.	
Filling swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools	New swimming pools and spas must not be filled for the first time unless an exemption has been approved. Existing swimming pools can be filled to the minimum operating level.	
Filling water features (ponds, fountains and water ornaments)	New ponds must not be filled for the first time Existing ponds can be filled any time to the minimum operating level. Water fountains/ornaments must recycle water, lost water must not be replaced.	
Using water toys and facilities	NO unless an exemption has been approved.	
Filling water storage tanks and dams	Water storage tanks and dams are not to be filled with a hose unless an exemption has been approved.	
Cleaning of vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers	Water must not be used except by means of: <b>1) Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water.</b> <b>2) Watering cans/buckets filled directly from taps.</b> <b>3) Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use for a maximum 5 mins.</b> Where possible, vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers are to be cleaned on grassed areas.	
Washing windows/external house cleaning	Water must not be used except by means of a watering can/bucket.	
Cleaning of paved areas/concrete surfaces	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/issued metered standpipes. Fees & charges and terms & 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/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)	NO unless an exemption has been approved.	

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Use of manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand) or automated sprinklers, micro spray or drip watering irrigation systems	Irrigation system must not be used at any time.
Filling swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools	NO unless an exemption has been approved.
Filling water features (ponds, fountains and water ornaments)	Existing ponds sustaining fish or bird life can only be topped up to their minimum operating level. Other ponds must not be topped up or filled. Water fountains/ornaments must not operate.
Using water toys and facilities	NO unless an exemption has been approved.
Filling water storage tanks and dams	Water storage tanks and dams are not to be filled with a hose unless an exemption has been approved.
Cleaning of vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers	Water must not be used except by means of: <b>1)</b> Commercial car washing facilities that recycle water. <b>2)</b> Watering cans/buckets filled directly from taps. <b>3)</b> Boat motors may be flushed and rinsed after use for a maximum 5 mins. Where possible, vehicles/boats/jet skis/trailers are to be cleaned on grassed areas.
Washing windows/external house cleaning	Water must not be used unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.
Cleaning of paved areas/concrete surfaces	Water must not be used unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.
Filling mobile water tankers (other than those directly used for fire fighting purposes)	Only by using Council approved/issued metered standpipes Fees & charges and terms & 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/twist nozzles. Water must not be used for dust suppression.
Fire fighting or other emergency purposes	Any time as reasonably required.
Supplying water for livestock and other animals	Any time as reasonably required.
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## Definitions - Applies to all Water Restriction Levels

The following definitions apply to all Water Restriction Levels.

**" Alternate days "** means designated days of water use, such that where permitted in Schedule 1:

- (a) Properties with an even street number may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday
- (b) Properties with an odd street number may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- (c) Properties without a Council prescribed street number may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

### **NO WATERING IS PERMITTED ON MONDAYS**

**" Authorised Officer "** means a person authorised by Douglas Shire Council to exercise the powers of an authorised person under the Water Act, Local Government Act and State Penalties Enforcement Act.

**" Domestic purposes "** means potable water taken from the water supply system inside any premises for drinking, cooking, washing persons and clothes, use for dishwashing, or cleaning, heating and cooling a building, and sanitation purposes, e.g. flushing a toilet.

**" Exemption "** means permission approved by Douglas Shire Council in writing that modifies or waives any water conservation measure under this policy.

**" Exemption notice "** means a permit issued by Douglas Shire Council granting an exemption from water restrictions to an approved exemption holder. An exemption notice is provided to the applicant confirming the exemption conditions. Where possible, the exemption notice should be displayed in a prominent position on the property or be available upon request.

**" Hand held hose "** means a hose or pipe used to convey water. Preferably a trigger or twist nozzle, held in the physical possession of a person, controlling the efficient distribution of water.

**" Irrigation system "** is identified as manual sprinklers (that are turned on and off by hand) or automated sprinkler, dripper, soaker hose, micro spray or drip watering systems.

**" Paved area "** means a footpath, driveway, hard standing area or similar having an impervious surface, such as concrete, asphalt, paving stones, tiles, etc.

**" Portable wading pool "** means any demountable, temporary and transportable pool.

**" Gardens and Lawns "** means land, garden, lawn or grassed area used for any purpose.

**" Level "** means the increment as set out in Schedule 1 of this policy designating particular water conservation criteria.

**" Trigger/twist nozzle "** means a control nozzle intended to be used by persons that stop the flow of water by means of a lever or similar device that positively shuts off the supply of water when released.

**" Water supply "** means Douglas Shire Council's infrastructure assets associated with the provision and distribution of water to customers, consumers, users and transporters of water.

**" Water toys and facilities "** means any entertainment toy or structure, which is operated by, or uses water from the Douglas Shire Council water supply system.

**" Watering can/bucket "** means a portable container that is filled directly from taps.