

REGIONAL SYSTEM OF WATER RESTRICTIONS – Guidelines for OWUA Councils

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ACTIVITY	LEVEL 1 – LOW	LEVEL 2 – MODERATE	LEVEL 3 – HIGH	LEVEL 4 – VERY HIGH	LEVEL 5 – EXTREME	LEVEL 6 – CRITICAL
TARGET WATER CONSUMPTION	260 litres/person/day	240 litres/person/day	220litres/person/day	200 litres/person/day	160 litres/person/day	120 litres/person/day
RESIDENTIAL WATER USE						
Watering of Lawns <i>Note: Subject to varying Summer and Winter Times</i>	Watering systems, microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, non fixed sprinklers hand held hoses only. Summer Time between 1800-0900 hrs only daily. Winter Time 0600-1000 hrs and 1600-2200 hrs daily.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, only. Summer Time between 0600-0900 hrs and between 1800-2100 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system. Winter Time between 0700-1000 hrs and between 1600-1900 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses (except with trigger nozzle) not permitted at any time. Microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, hand held hose with trigger nozzle only. Summer Time between 0600-0900 hrs and between 1800-2100 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system. Winter Time between 0700-1000 hrs and between 1600-1900 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system.	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Watering of Residential Gardens <i>Note: Subject to varying Summer and Winter times</i>	Watering systems, microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, non fixed sprinklers hand held hoses only. Summer Time between 1800-0900 hrs only daily. Winter Time 0600-1000 hrs and 1600-2200 hrs daily.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, only. Summer Time between 0600-0900 hrs and between 1800-2100 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system. Winter Time between 0700-1000 hrs and between 1600-1900 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses not permitted at any time. Microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, only. Summer Time between 0600-0900 hrs and between 1800-2100 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system. Winter Time between 0700-1000 hrs and between 1600-1900 hrs every second day as per odds and evens system.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses not permitted at any time. Microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, only. Summer Time between 1800-2000 hrs only on each Wednesday and Sunday. Winter Time 1600-1800 hrs on each Wednesday and Sunday.	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems, soaker hoses, not permitted at any time. Bucket / watering can watering only. Summer Time between 1800-2000 hrs on Sunday only. Winter Time between 1300-1500 hrs on Sunday only.	Not permitted
Topping up, filling garden water features	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not to be topped up or filled.	Not to be topped up or filled.
Irrigation of new turf	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 1 restriction on watering lawns applies.	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 2 restriction on watering lawns applies.	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 3 restriction on watering lawns applies.	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Washing down walls or paved surfaces	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Topping up private swimming pools/spas	Permitted	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day.	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day provided pool covers are used.	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day. Pool covers must be used.	Not permitted	Not permitted

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First fill of private swimming pools	Permitted	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day	Only with Council permission and provided pool covers are used.	Only with Council permission and after water savings elsewhere within property. Covers must be used.	Not permitted	Not permitted
Washing cars at home	Permitted with bucket and rinse with trigger hose on lawn at any time.	Permitted with bucket and rinse with trigger hose on lawn between 0900-1200 hrs any day.	Permitted with bucket only on lawn between 0900-1200 hrs any day.	Permitted with bucket only on lawn between 0900-1200 hrs any day.	Not permitted	Not permitted
Baths, showers	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Five (5) minute showers, one bath per person per day	Three (3) minute showers, one bath (100 mm depth) per person per day	Three (3) minute showers, one bath (100 mm depth) per person per day
Washing of clothes	Permitted	Permitted	Full loads only encouraged.	Full loads only permitted	Full loads only permitted	Two full loads of clothes per week
Use of evaporative air conditioners	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted only 0700-2400 hrs daily	Permitted only 0700-2400 hrs daily. Exemptions may be granted to aged accomm or nursing homes.	Permitted only 1800-2200 hrs daily. Exemptions may be granted to aged accomm or nursing homes.
Inflatable or temporary children's pools	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
NON - RESIDENTIAL WATER USE						
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Topping up public swimming pools/spas, including those in motels etc.	Permitted	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day.	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day provided pool covers are used	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day. Pool covers must be used.	Not permitted	Not permitted
First fill of public swimming pools/spas, including those in motels etc.	Permitted	Only between hours of 0700-0900 and between 1800-2000 hrs, every day	Only with Council permission	Only with Council permission and after water savings elsewhere within property. Covers must be used.	Not permitted	Not permitted
Turf farm irrigation, market gardens	Permitted	Permitted	Irrigation only between 2000-0800 hrs. Business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP	Not permitted	Not permitted
Irrigation of new turf on non-residential premises	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 1 restriction on watering lawns applies	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 2 restriction on watering lawns applies	Permitted for one week after laying after which level 3 restriction on watering lawns applies	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Public car and truck wash facilities	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Construction industry e.g. mortar or concrete mix	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not permitted
Construction - wash down, paint prep, curing.	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Cleaning - exterior	Permitted with trigger hoses, any time.	Permitted with pressure trigger hoses, any time.	Permitted with pressure trigger hoses. Business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Commercial or Government nurseries	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Abattoirs	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Food or pet food production	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Canneries	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Pet care	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.
Public water features	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but WSAP must be prepared.	WSAP must be implemented.	WSAP must be implemented.	Not permitted
Child care	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.
Public parks, gardens, aviaries, plant houses, zoos	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Schools, technical colleges, colleges, universities	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, rehab centers	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP

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Aged accommodation	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.
Motels, caravan parks, cabins	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Hotels, registered clubs	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted
Businesses with cooling towers	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted, but business must prepare WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Business must implement and comply with WSAP.	Not permitted

NOTES

ODDS & EVENS SYSTEM EXPLAINED

- If the street number of your property is odd you can water in accordance with the restrictions on odd days.
- If your property has an even number you can water in accordance with the restrictions on even days.
- If your property has a range of street numbers then it should be treated as odd or even as per the first number in the range. For example, if your property is 12-15 Smith Street then you can water on even days in accordance with the restrictions.
- If your property has no street number then it should be treated as an even property. For example, if your property is "Tara" then you can water on even days in accordance with the restrictions.

OTHER SOURCES OF WATER

These restrictions are restrictions that Council is placing on the use of its potable water supply. If the restrictions say "Not permitted" for a particular use, this means that Council's potable water supply cannot be used for this purpose. Water from another source, however, could be used for this purpose.

TIMES

The times quoted in the restrictions are based on a 24 hour clock. For example, if the restrictions state 2200 hrs it is equivalent to 10 pm.

- **Summer Time** - refers to Daylight Saving period 2.00am Eastern Standard Time first Sunday in October to Eastern Daylight Saving Time 3.00am first Sunday in April.
- **Winter Time** - refers to the period outside of Daylight Saving Time.

WSAP

This refers to a Water Savings Action Plan, an enterprise specific plan to adopt water efficiency. A template is available by visiting www.oranawater.com.au. At certain levels of restrictions a business may be required to prepare a WSAP. The completed WSAP must be approved by Council. Further water restrictions may permit the continued use of water for that activity but only if the business strictly complies with its approved WSAP.