

Tamworth Regional Council Drought Management Plan: Water Restrictions Guide (2023 Revision)

✓	Allowed at all times
✗	Banned at all times
⬇	Restricted use only

CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL 1 LOW	LEVEL 2 MODERATE	LEVEL 3 HIGH	LEVEL 4 VERY HIGH	LEVEL 5 EMERGENCY
General Watering of Lawns & Gardens	Hand Held Hoses (with trigger nozzle)	⬇ Not during heat of the day	⬇ 2 hours	⬇ 15 minutes of one handheld hose per property within 2 hour window	✗	✗
	Sprinkle / Micro Sprays / Fixed Hoses	⬇ 2 hours	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Water Efficient Drip Irrigation	⬇ Not during heat of the day	⬇ 2 hours	✗	✗	✗
	Watering of New Turf	⬇ Not during the heat of the day (unless with an approved Water Management Plan)	⬇ Sprinklers for 2 hrs with an approved Water Management Plan	✗ All Water Management Plans suspended	✗	✗
Public Parks, Gardens & Facilities	Buckets / Cans	✓	✓	⬇ 2 hours (as an alternative to 15 minutes of hoses)	✗ Greywater only	✗ Greywater only
	Watering of Public Parks, Gardens & Facilities	⬇ Refer to TRC Open Space Management Guide	⬇ Refer to TRC Open Space Management Guide (target 30% consumption reduction)	⬇ Refer to TRC Open Space Management Guide (target 50% consumption reduction)	⬇ All irrigation ceases unless access to groundwater	✗ All irrigation ceases unless access to groundwater
Vehicle Washing	Buckets	✓	✓	⬇ Not during heat of the day	✗ Clean windows & number plates only	✗ Clean windows & number plates only
	Hand Held Hoses (with trigger nozzle)	⬇ Not during heat of the day (Pressure cleaner any time)	⬇ 2 hours (Pressure cleaner any time)	✗	✗	✗
Washing Down of Hard Surfaces	High Pressure Cleaner (limited to 9 L/min)	✓ Includes vehicles	✓ Includes vehicles	✗	✗	✗
	Hand Held Hoses (with trigger nozzle)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Private Swimming Pools (including residential & institutions)	Filling	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
	Topping Up	✓	✓	⬇ 15 minutes of one handheld hose per property within 2 hour window	✗	✗
	Filling	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Motel & Guest House Swimming Pools	Filling	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	Topping Up	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Council Swimming Pools	Filling	⬇ Grass areas watered in accordance with Level 1 Restrictions. No other restrictions.	⬇ Grass areas watered in accordance with Level 2 Restrictions. No other restrictions.	⬇ Grass areas watered in accordance with Level 3 Restrictions. No other restrictions.	⬇ Barraba, Manilla, Koolinga, Nundle & South Tamworth (see note below), Tamworth Olympic Pool closed	✗ Pools only open if filled/topped up with alternative water supply
	Topping Up	✓ No restrictions to health facilities	✓ No restrictions to health facilities	✓ No restrictions to health facilities	✓ No restrictions to health facilities	✓ No restrictions to health facilities
Hydrotherapy Pools	Filling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Topping Up	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evaporative Coolers	Use of Water Cooling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Carting water for stock and domestic consumption	✓	✓	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit
Bulk Water Stations & Water Cartage	Carting water for all other uses	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
	Bulk Filling Stations	✓ Access only restricted if demand is compromising local water supplies	✓ Access only restricted if demand is compromising local water supplies	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit	⬇ Internal domestic use only with Council Permit
Commercial, Institutions and Industrial Use	General Use, excluding lawns and gardens	✓	✓	⬇ Target 15% reduction in water use	⬇ Target 20% reduction in water use	⬇ Target 25% reduction in water use
	Landscaping, including Lawns & Gardens	⬇ Not during the heat of the day (or with an approved Water Management Plan)	✓ Hand Held hoses only for 2 hours including within approved Water Management Plan	✗ All Water Management Plans suspended	✗	✗
	Irrigation of Sports Areas (including school sporting areas)	⬇ Water for 2 hours during heat of the day with approved Water Management Plan	⬇ Water for 2 hours during heat of the day with approved Water Management Plan	⬇ Review Water Management Plans and allow if 50% reduction can be demonstrated for use in heat of the day	✗	✗
Sporting Precinct Recycled Water Scheme	Backwash Water Supplied for Irrigation & Other Activities	✓	✓	✓	✗ Backwash water to be returned to head of the water treatment plant	✗ Backwash water to be returned to head of the water treatment plant

NOTES:

- Restrictions apply to the use of treated water only, including bulk raw water supplied from the Durgowan Dam Pipeline.
- Water restrictions should NOT compromise health, hygiene and safety. Cleaning outdoors for these reasons is allowed as long as water is used conservatively.
- Greywater can continue to be used anytime and rainwater can be used anytime, providing rainwater tanks are not topped up or cross-connected to the treated water supply (NB Certain health regulations apply to the use of grey water - please contact Council or NSW Health for further details)
- Water Management Plans (for Special Watering Hours or 5 Week New Turf Watering) may be issued to allow the use of hoses or fixed sprinklers outside the nominated hours or conditions during Level 1 and Level 2 in particular circumstances.
- Vehicles and hard surfaces may be washed down at any time for health and safety reasons using a high pressure, low-volume cleaner.
- Any reference to 2 hours of restricted watering means between the hours of 6pm – 9pm during Daylight Saving and 5pm – 7pm at all other times.
- During Level 4 restrictions the surrounds of Council Swimming Pools that remain open may be watered by handheld hoses only once per week between 6pm and 9pm. All pools closed during shoulder seasons under Level 4 Restrictions.
- Periods of water restrictions will be policed by Council Officers. The maximum penalty under the Local Government Act 1993, to apply for a breach of imposed restrictions is \$2,200 for corporations and \$220 for individuals.
- Not during the heat of the day means not between 10am and 4pm.