

Tamworth Regional Council Drought Management Plan - Water Restrictions Guide – 2015 DMP revision													
Category	Activity	Permanent		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5	
				Low		Moderate		High		Very High		Emergency	
General Watering of Lawns & Gardens	Hand Held Hoses (with trigger nozzle)	✓		⊕	Not during heat of the day	⊕	2 hours	⊕	15 minutes of handheld hose watering per property within 2 hour window	✗		✗	
	Sprinkle /micro sprays/Fixed Hoses	⊕	Not during heat of the day	⊕	2 hours	✗		✗		✗		✗	
	Water Efficient Drip Irrigation	⊕	Not during heat of the day	⊕	Not during heat of the day	⊕	2 hours	✗		✗		✗	
	Watering of New Turf	⊕	Not during the heat of the day or with an approved 6 Week New Turf Watering Plan	⊕	Not during the heat of the day or with an approved 6 Week New Turf Watering Plan	⊕	Sprinklers for 2 hrs with an approved 6 Week New Turf Watering Plan	✗	All 6 week New Turf Watering Plans inactive	✗		✗	
	Buckets / Cans	✓		✓		✓		⊕	2 hours	✗	Greywater only	✗	Greywater only
Watering of Public Parks, Gardens & Facilities		⊕	Watering permitted for Cat 1,2,3,4 & 5 - see appendix	⊕	Watering permitted for Cat 1,2,3,4 & 5 – see appendix	⊕	Watering permitted for Cat 1 & 2 and garden beds only in Cat 3 – see appendix	⊕	Watering permitted for Cat 1 & 2 only – see appendix	✗	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 only	✗	Clean windows 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	✓	Includes vehicles	✗		✗		✗	
	Hand Held Hoses (with trigger nozzle)	✗		✗		✗		✗		✗		✗	
Private Swimming Pools	Filling	✓		✓		✓		✗		✗		✗	
	Topping Up	✓		✓		✓		⊕	15 minutes of handheld hose per property within 2 hour window	✗		✗	
Motel & Guest House Swimming Pools	Filling	✓		✓		✓		✓		✗		✗	
	Topping Up	✓		✓		✓		✓		✗		✗	
Council Swimming Pools		✓	No restrictions	⊕	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, Kootingal, Nundle & South Tamworth (see note below). Tamworth Olympic Pool closed	✗	
Hydrotherapy Pools		✓	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	✓	No restrictions to health facilities
Evaporative Coolers	Use of Water Cooling	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	Summer community education campaign to limit use through optimised efficiency
Water Cartage	Treated 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
	Treated water for all other uses	✓		✓		✓		✗		✗		✗	
Commercial 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 Special Watering Hours Plan	⊕	Not during the heat of the day or with an Approved Special Watering Hours Plan	✓	Hand Held hoses only for 2 hours including within Approved Special Watering Hours Plan	✗	All Approved Special Watering Hours Plans inactive	✗		✗	
	Irrigation of sports Areas	⊕	Water for 2 hours with Approved Special Watering Hours Plan during heat of the day	⊕	Water for 2 hours with Approved Special Watering Hours Plan during heat of the day	⊕	Water for 2 hours with Approved Special Watering Hours Plan during heat of the day	⊕	Review Approved Special Watering Hours Plan and allow if 50% reduction can be demonstrated for use in heat of day	✗		✗	
Longyard Precinct Recycled Water Scheme	Raw Water supplied to augment backwash supply	✓		✓		✓		✓		✗	Backwash water to be supplied when available	✗	Backwash water to be supplied when available
✓ Allowed at all times	NOTES:												
✗ Banned at all times	1. Restrictions apply to the use of treated water only including bulk raw water supplied from the Dungowan Dam Pipeline and Connors Creek Dam Pipeline.												
⊕ Restricted use only	2. Greywater can continue to be used anytime and rainwater can be used anytime (providing rainwater outlets are not topped or up or cross-connected to the treated supply) NB Certain health regulations apply to the use of grey water - please contact Council or NSW Health for further details.												
	3. An Approved Special Watering Hours Plan or 6 Week New Turf Watering Plan may be issued to allow the use of hoses or fixed sprinklers outside the nominated hours or conditions during Permanent, Level 1 and Level 2 in particular circumstances.												
	4. Vehicles and hard surfaces may be washed down at any time for health and safety reasons using a high pressure, low-volume cleaner.												
	5. Any reference to 2 hours of restricted watering means between the hours of 6pm – 8pm during Daylight Saving and 5pm – 7pm at all other times.												
	6. 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.												
	7. 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.												
	8. Not during the heat of the day means not between 8am and 6pm during daylight saving and 9am and 4pm at all other times.												