



Appendix B Water Restriction policy



Appendix B table 1: Water Restriction Policy

General Domestic Level - Water Restriction						
Activity	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Water of Lawns and Gardens*	Sprinkler systems not to be used between: 7:00am – 7:00pm (Summer) Hand held hoses and buckets can be used at anytime	Use of sprinkler systems limited to: 6:00am – 9:00am 7:00pm – 10:00pm (Summer) In accordance with the odds and evens scheme. Hand held hoses and buckets at any time.	Hand held hoses only 5:00am – 9:00am 7:00pm – 10:pm (Summer) Buckets may be used at any time	Hand held hoses limited to: 6:00am – 8:00am 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Summer) Buckets and recycled water at any time.	No external watering except for recycled water.	No external watering except for recycled water.
Washing Down of Paved/ Concrete Surfaces	These surfaces are not to be washed down during water restrictions.	These surfaces are not to be washed down during water restrictions.	These surfaces are not to be washed down during water restrictions.	These surfaces are not to be washed down during water restrictions.	These surfaces are not to be washed down during water restrictions.	Banned
Swimming Pools	Residents are to be encouraged to use pool covers when the pool is not in use.	Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose and all pools must have a cover that is being used.	New pools can only be filled with Council permission. Pool covers are mandatory.	Covered pools may be topped up using hand held hose but only during the hours hand held hoses are allowed for irrigation.	Banned	Banned
Car Washing	Must use a trigger hose and bucket.	Must use a bucket with a trigger hose to rinse off the vehicle.	Must use a bucket with a trigger hose to rinse off the vehicle.	Car washing to occur only at commercial car washes that recycle water.	Banned	Banned
Home Extensions Landscaping	No restriction	Only trigger hoses are to be used during these works.	Only trigger hoses are to be used during these works.	Only water used directly in construction to be used from bucket to prevent wastage.	Only water used directly in construction to be used from bucket to prevent wastage.	Banned
Water Carters	No restriction	Water can only be carted from a secure water source.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.
Washing of Clothes	Residents to be encouraged to wash only in full loads.	Residents to be encouraged to wash only in full loads.	Residents to be encouraged to wash only in full loads.	Clothes washing only with full loads and only on odds and even system.	Clothes washing only with full loads and only on odds and even system.	Clothes washing only with full loads and only on odds and even system.
Shower and Baths	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Residents to be encourage not have long Showers	Shower to be kept to less than 5 minutes.	Shower to be kept to less than 5 minutes.
Animal Washing	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Buckets Only	Banned	Banned
Use of Evaporative Air Coolers	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Residents are encouraged to reduce evaporative air coolers usage.	Residents are encouraged to reduce evaporative air coolers usage.	Banned
Fountains and Ponds	Fountains are to be turned off between 10:00pm and 7:00am and not cleaned	All fountains to be turned off. Ponds may continue to be topped up.	All fountains turned off and not to be topped up except for safety reasons.	All fountains turned off and not to be topped up except for safety reasons.	All fountains turned off and not to be topped up except for safety reasons.	Banned
Commercial / Industrial Level Water Restriction						
Irrigation (Efficient User)	Consumption to be reduced by 5%.	Consumption to be reduced by 15%.	Consumption to be reduced by 40%.	Consumption to be reduced by 50%.	Consumption to be reduced by 60%.	Consumption to be reduced by 80%.
Irrigation (Non Efficient User)	Consumption to be reduced by 15%.	Consumption to be reduced by 25%.	Consumption to be reduced by 40%.	Consumption to be reduced by 50%.	Consumption to be reduced by 60%.	Consumption to be reduced by 80%.
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Public Swimming Pools	Pools to be operated with maximum efficiency	Pools to be operated with maximum efficiency	Pools to be operated with maximum efficiency	Pools to be operated with maximum efficiency	Use of pool limited to after 3:30pm . Swimming clubs and schools exempted	Banned
Water Carters	No restriction	Water can only be carted from a secure water source.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes.	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes only with Council Permit	Water can only be carted for domestic purposes only with Council Permit
Business in General	Business should not be impacted at this level of restriction.	Business should not be impacted at this level of restriction.	Business to make greater endeavours to minimise water usage.	Business to make greater endeavours to minimise water usage.	Business to make greater endeavours to minimise water usage.	Business to make greater endeavours to minimise water usage.
Car Sales Yard	Car washing may continue under set conditions.	Car washing may continue under set conditions.	Cars may only be washed using a bucket	Commercial car washing only (recycled water)	Vehicles are not to be washed.	Banned
Car Washing Commercial	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Only car washes that recycle water will be allowed.	There is to be no car washing except for emergencies.	Banned
Building and Window Washing	Washing of buildings to be limited to sprinklers hours	Washing of buildings/ to be discouraged	Washing of buildings/ windows to be discouraged.	There is to be no external cleaning of buildings.	Banned	Banned
Council Direction for Water Use in Water Restriction						
Irrigation of Sporting Ovals	Not impacted at this level of water restrictions.	Only the main sporting ovals are to be irrigated (10% reduction).	Number of ovals being irrigated to be reduced to save around 20%.	Number of ovals being irrigated to be reduced to save around 40%.	Number of ovals being irrigated to be reduced to save around 60%.	Number of ovals being irrigated to be reduced to save around 80%.
Irrigation of Parks, Showgrounds and other Council open spaces.	General reduction of 5% in overall irrigation of parks.	General reduction of 10% in overall irrigation of parks	General reduction of 35% in overall irrigation of parks	General reduction of 55% in overall irrigation of parks	Only irreplaceable assets and gardens of significance to be irrigated.	Banned
Public Toilets	Not impacted at this level of water restrictions.	Any automated flushing urinals to be turned off during the evening	Any automated flushing urinals to be turned off during the evening	Any automated flushing urinals to be turned off during the evening	Any timed flushing urinals to be replaced with manual devices	Buckets Only except where required by law
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Council Vehicles	Vehicles to be washed using a trigger nozzle and bucket.	Vehicles to be washed with a bucket only	Vehicles not to be washed except for safety purposes.	Banned	Banned	Banned
Council Buildings	Any hoses used are to have a trigger hose fitted to them.	Any washing to be minimised and to be done by bucket.	Banned	Banned	Banned	Banned
Notes						
1 Irrigation times are likely to be altered in the winter periods to take account of altered climatic conditions and this would be detailed in the more detailed layout of the Moree Plains Shire Water Restrictions Policy.						
2 Some relaxing of the requirements will be made for emergency or health reasons.						
3 Those unable to comply for reasons beyond their control may be able to seek an exemption from Council but will need to be able to establish an effective case for this exemption. Residents should obtain from Council a copy of the exemptions requirement form.						