

**A summary of water restrictions (from East Gippsland Water By-Law 001/08)**

## **STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS (MILD)**

### **Residential or Commercial Gardens or Lawns**

- Manual watering systems may be used on alternate days\* between 6am and 8am and between 8pm and 10pm
- Automatic watering systems may be used on alternate days\* between midnight and 4am.
- No restriction applies to using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or a watering can or bucket, at any time.

### **Public Gardens, Sports Grounds or Lawns**

- Manual watering systems may be used on alternate days\* between 6am and 10am and between 8pm and midnight.
- Automatic watering systems may be used on alternate days\* between midnight and 8am.
- No restriction applies to using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or a watering can or bucket, at any time.
- As an alternative to the three water restrictions above, a public garden/sports ground/lawn may be watered in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by East Gippsland Water.

### **Ponds, Lakes, Fountains or Water Features**

- A new pond or lake must not be filled with water for the first time except with the written permission of East Gippsland Water.
- A fountain or water feature must not be operated unless it recirculates any water used.
- An existing pond, lake, fountain or water feature must not be filled or topped up with water, except by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or a watering can or bucket.

### **Residential or Commercial Pools or Spas**

- A new or existing pool or spa with a capacity of less than 2,000 litres may only be filled with water by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or bucket.
- A new or existing pool or spa with a capacity of 2,000 litres or more must not be filled with water for the first time except in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by East Gippsland Water.

### **Municipal Pools or Spas**

- A new municipal pool or spa must not be filled with water for the first time except in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by East Gippsland Water.
- An existing municipal pool or spa must not be topped up with water without written approval from East Gippsland Water.

**Mobile Spas**

- There are no restrictions for mobile spas with a capacity less than 2,000 litres
- Mobile spas with a capacity of 2,000 litres or more must not be filled with water except in accordance with a Water Conservation Plan approved by East Gippsland Water.

**Water Toys**

- Water toys must not be used at any time.

**Tanks or Dams**

- Tanks and dams must not be filled or topped up with water except with the written permission of East Gippsland Water, or in cases of providing water for fire fighting, public health or stock, and then only to the extent approved by East Gippsland Water.

**Water Tankers**

- A water tanker must not be filled or topped up with water unless the operator has been granted a mobile water tanker permit by East Gippsland Water and the tanker is supplying water to be used inside a dwelling or for fire fighting, stock watering, construction, dust suppression and other public health purposes.

**Commercial Market Garden or Commercial or Council Plant Nurseries**

- No restrictions.

**Vehicles including cars, trucks, boats, caravans**

- Vehicles can only be cleaned by means of:
  - a) a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle to pre-rinse and rinse only; or
  - b) a high pressure water cleaning device; or
  - c) a commercial car wash; or
  - d) a watering can or bucket filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap.

**Commercial car washes**

- A commercial car wash must not be used to clean vehicles, except by means of:
  - a) a high pressure water cleaning device; or
  - b) a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle to pre-rinse and rinse only; or
  - c) a watering can or bucket filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap.

**Motor Vehicle dealers**

- Water can only be used to clean vehicles in a motor vehicle dealership on alternate days\*, and then only by means of:
  - a) a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle; or
  - b) a high pressure water cleaning device; or
  - c) a commercial car wash; or
  - d) a watering can or bucket filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap.

**Food Transport Vehicles**

- Water can only be used to clean inside a food transport vehicle by means of:
  - a) a high pressure water cleaning device; or
  - b) a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, and only if such cleaning is necessary, either to avoid contamination of the vehicle's contents, or to ensure public safety.

**Boat Motors**

- Water must not be used to flush the inboard or outboard motor of a boat unless:
  - a) a suitable receptacle filled by a hand-held hose is used; or
  - b) a flushing device connected to a hose is used, and the tap is turned off immediately after flushing is complete.

**Hard Surfaces**

- Water must not be used to clean a hard surface unless cleaning is required as a result of:
  - a) an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency, and a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used; or
  - b) construction or renovation work to the hard surface, and a high pressure cleaning device is used.

**Building facades or Windows**

- Water must not be used to clean a building façade unless:
  - a) a bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose) is used; or
  - b) cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency, and a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used; or construction or renovation work and a high pressure water cleaning device is used.

**Dust Suppression**

- Water must not be used to suppress dust, other than in the course of construction, unless dust is causing a health or environmental hazard, and then only by means of an approved water tanker, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or by a watering can filled either a by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or directly from a tap.

**Construction**

- Water must not be used in construction except:
  - a) by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or by a bucket or other container; or
  - b) by construction equipment requiring water for its safe and efficient operation; or
  - c) in the normal course of initial testing or flushing of pipes or other works.

**Animal Husbandry**

- Water must not be used for animal husbandry except for:
  - a) drinking by animals or birds;
  - b) cleaning animals or birds;
  - c) cleaning pens, yards and cages, and then only if cleaning is done by means of a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

**Commercial poultry farms**

- Water must not be used for cooling a shed on a commercial poultry farm except by means of:
  - a) Sprinklers used only for cooling and then only when the inside temperature of the shed reaches 30C and between the hours of 6am and 9pm; and
  - b) Fogging systems and cooling pads, which may be used at any time.

**Other purposes**

- Water must not be used for any other purpose without the prior written permission of East Gippsland Water.

\* **Alternate days means odd-numbered properties can water on odd-numbered days of the month. Even-numbered properties and those with no number can water on even-numbered days of the month. All properties can water on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of a month.**