

A summary of water restrictions (from East Gippsland Water By-Law 001/12)

Stage 3 Water Restrictions (Just Enough)



1. Watering gardens, lawns and playing surfaces

- a) Residential, commercial and public lawns, and general playing surfaces, cannot be watered at any time.
- b) Residential, commercial and public garden areas, and particular playing surfaces, cannot be watered except as required, and then only on alternate days*, between 6am and 8am, using:
 - a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can; or
 - a dripper watering system.
- c) Notwithstanding paragraphs a) and b):
 - Public gardens and lawns, and general and particular playing surfaces, can be watered as required, but only in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

2. Using water for aesthetic purposes (ponds, lakes, fountains or water features)

- a) Water cannot be used to fill or top up a fountain or water feature at any time.
- b) Water cannot be used to fill or top up a new pond or lake, regardless of capacity, at any time.
- c) Water cannot be used to fill or top up an existing pond or lake, regardless of capacity, unless the pond or lake sustains aquatic fauna or bird life, and then only in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

3. Using water in swimming pools and toys

- a) Water cannot be used to **fill** a new or existing residential or commercial pool or spa of any capacity.
- b) Water cannot be used to **fill** a new or existing public pool or spa, of any capacity, except in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- c) Water cannot be used to **top up** an existing residential or commercial pool or spa, or a new or existing public pool or spa, of any capacity, except:
 - between 6am and 8am on alternate days*, by means of a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can; or
 - by use of an automatic water top up device at any time; or
 - in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- d) Water cannot be used to fill or top up a mobile spa at any time.
- e) Water cannot be used in, or for the use of, a hose-connected water toy at any time.

4. Storing or transporting water

- a) Water cannot be used to fill or top up a dam or tank, except:
 - where this water is to be used for:
 - fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent that it is necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose under stage 3 restrictions; or
 - in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

- b) Water cannot be used to fill or top up a water tanker unless:
- East Gippsland Water has granted a mobile water tanker permit to the operator of that tanker; and
 - the tanker is supplying water to be used for:
 - fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent that it is necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose under stage 3 restrictions.

5. Cleaning vehicles with water

- a) Water cannot be used to clean a vehicle, except:
- where a vehicle is being cleaned at the premises of, or by a motor vehicle dealer, repairer or detailer and then only by means of:
 - a high pressure water cleaning device;
 - a commercial car wash in accordance with paragraph c); or
 - a bucket or watering can; or
 - in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
 - in any other case by means of a bucket or watering can, and only to the extent necessary for:
 - health and safety reasons; or
 - cleaning vehicle windows, mirrors, lights and registration plates; or
 - spot-removing corrosive substances, or
 - at a commercial car wash in accordance with paragraph c); or
 - in the case of a vehicle for mass transportation, in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- b) Notwithstanding paragraph a), water can be used to clean inside a food transport vehicle if it is necessary, either to avoid contamination of the vehicle's contents or to ensure public health and safety, but only by means of:
- a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can
- c) Water cannot be used to wash vehicles at a commercial car wash unless:
- the car wash uses no more than 70 litres of water on each vehicle washed; or
 - the use is in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- d) Water cannot be used to flush the inboard or outboard motor of a boat or other vessel, unless:
- a suitable receptacle filled by a hand-held hose is used; or
 - a flushing device, connected to a hose is used, and the tap is turned off immediately after flushing is complete.

6. Using water for other cleaning or maintenance purposes

- a) Water cannot be used on hard surfaces (such as driveways, paths, concrete tiles, timber decking) or building facades (including windows), except:
- in the course of construction or renovation, and then only as permitted under paragraph c); or

- for cleaning required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency, and then only by means of:
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - if such a device is not available, a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can.
- b) Water cannot be used to suppress dust unless the dust is causing, or is likely to cause, a health or environmental hazard, and then only:
 - by means of a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can; or
 - with water from a water tanker filled or topped up in accordance with restriction 4 b); or
 - in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- c) Water cannot be used in the course of construction or renovation, except:
 - by means of a high pressure cleaning device, hand-held hose, bucket or watering can; or
 - for suppression of dust in accordance with paragraph b); or
 - for construction equipment requiring a water supply for its safe and efficient operation; or
 - if required in the normal course of initial testing or flushing of pipes or other works.

7. Using water for the commercial production of plants and/or animals

- a) Water cannot be used at a commercial or Council plant nursery, except as required, and then only by means of:
 - a hand-held hose, bucket or watering can at any time; or
 - in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- b) Water cannot be used at a commercial market garden, except as required, and then only in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.
- c) Water cannot be used for animal husbandry, except for:
 - drinking by animals or birds; or
 - cleaning animals or birds; or
 - cleaning pens, yards and cages, and then only if the cleaning is done by means of a hand-held hose or bucket.
- d) Water cannot be used for cooling a shed on a commercial poultry farm, except by means of:
 - sprinklers used only for cooling, and then only between 6am and 9pm when the inside temperature of the shed is 30C or higher; and
 - fogging systems and cooling pads, which may be used at any time.

8. Other uses

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 31st day of the month.*

Where a hand-held hose is used this needs to be fitted with a trigger nozzle