

STAGE 3 (JUST ENOUGH)

Residential lawns

- No watering of these areas at any time.

Residential garden areas (excluding lawns)

- No watering, except as required and then only by means of:
 - a dripper watering system, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can on alternate days*, between 6am-8am.

Ponds, lakes, fountains and water features

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

Swimming pools and spas

- Water cannot be used to fill a new or existing residential pool or spa of any capacity.
- Water can only be used to top up an existing residential pool or spa of any capacity by means of:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can on alternate days*, between 6am-8am; or
 - an automatic water top up device at any time;
 - in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan
- Water cannot be used to fill or top up a mobile spa at any time.
- Hose-connected water toys cannot be used at any time.

Tanks and dams

- Water can only be used to fill or top up a dam or tank if it is to be used for:
 - fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle under Stage 3 restrictions; or
- in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.

Vehicles

- Can only be cleaned with water if it is by means of:
 - a bucket or watering can, and only to the extent necessary –
 - a) for health and safety reasons
 - b) to clean vehicle windows, mirrors, lights and registration plates
 - c) to spot-remove corrosive substances
 - a commercial car wash.

Boat motors

- Water can only be used to flush the inboard or outboard motor of a boat if:
 - a suitable receptacle filled by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used; or
 - a flushing device connected to a hose is used and the tap is turned off immediately after flushing is complete.

Hard surfaces

- Water can only be used on hard surfaces (such as driveways, paths, concrete tiles, timber decking) or building facades (including windows), if:
 - it is for construction/renovation work
 - it is for cleaning required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency.

In these instances only a high pressure cleaning device, bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle may be used.

*** 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.**

STAGE 4 (CRITICAL)

Residential lawns and garden areas

- No watering of these areas at any time.

Ponds, lakes, fountains and water features

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

Swimming pools and spas

- Water cannot be used to fill a new or existing residential pool or spa of any capacity.
- Water cannot be used to top up an existing residential pool or spa of any capacity, except by means of a bucket or watering.
- Water cannot be used to fill or top up a mobile spa at any time.
- Hose-connected water toys cannot be used at any time.

Tanks and dams

- Water can only be used to fill or top up a dam or tank, if it is to be used for:
 - fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle under Stage 4 restrictions; or

- in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.

Vehicles

- Can only be cleaned with water, if it is by means of:
 - a bucket or watering can (including at a commercial car wash) and only to the extent necessary –
 - a) for health and safety reasons
 - b) to clean vehicle windows, mirrors, lights and registration plates
 - c) to spot-remove corrosive substances

Boat motors

- Water can only be used to flush the inboard or outboard motor of a boat unless:
 - a suitable receptacle filled by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used; or
 - a flushing device connected to a hose is used and the tap is turned off immediately after flushing is complete.

Hard surfaces

- Water can only be used on hard surfaces (such as driveways, paths, concrete tiles, timber decking) or building facades (including windows), if:
 - it is for construction/renovation work
 - it is for cleaning required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency.

In these instances only a high pressure cleaning device, bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle may be used.



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Summary of Water Restrictions (including Permanent Water Saving Rules)



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SUMMARY OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

STAGE 1 (ALERT)

Permanent Water Saving Rules

These apply at all times when no other water restrictions are in force. Key rules include:

Residential and commercial lawns and garden areas

- Can be watered:
 - only between 6pm and 10am using a watering system
 - at any time using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or watering can.

Vehicles

- Can be cleaned at any time, but only if using:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - a watering can or a bucket.

Hard surfaces (including driveways, paths, concrete and timber decking)

- Can only be watered if:
 - it is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency
 - it is to remove staining from a surface (this is permitted once per season), or
 - it is because of construction/renovation work.

In these instances only a high pressure cleaning device, bucket or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle may be used.

Fountains and water features

- Can only be used if they recirculate the water.

Water Restrictions

These are introduced when it is clear that the supply of water is depleting at a rate that cannot keep pace with customer demand, perhaps due to low stream flows and ongoing drought conditions.

Restrictions range from 1 (Alert) to 4 (Critical).

For more detailed information about Permanent Water Saving Rules and Water Restrictions go to the home page of East Gippsland Water's website egwater.vic.gov.au and click on 'Current Water Restrictions'.

Alternatively, contact East Gippsland Water on 1800 671 841, email egw@egwater.vic.gov.au, or visit the Bairnsdale office at 133 Macleod Street during office hours.

- **Permanent Water Saving Rules and Water Restrictions do not apply to tank, bore or grey water.**



East Gippsland **Water**

Residential lawns and garden areas

- No watering, except as required and then only by means of:
 - a watering system on alternate days*, between 6am-10am, and 6pm-10pm
 - a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time.

Ponds, lakes, fountains and water features

- Water can only be used to fill or top up a fountain or water feature if it recirculates the water, and then only by means of:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can; or
 - an automatic water top up device.
- Water can only be used to fill or top up a new or existing pond or lake with a capacity of up to 2,000 using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, watering can or bucket.
- Water can only be used to fill or top up a new or existing pond or lake with a capacity greater than 2,000 litres, in accordance with an East Gippsland water approved Water Use Plan.

Swimming pools and spas

- Water can only be used to fill a new or existing residential pool or spa with a capacity of up to 2,000 litres by means of:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can; or
 - an automatic water top up device.
- Water can only be used to fill a new or existing residential pool or spa with a capacity greater than 2,000 litres, in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.
- Water can only be used to top up a new or existing residential pool or spa of any capacity by means of:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can; or
 - an automatic water top up device.
- Water can only be used to fill or top up a mobile spa in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.
- Hose-connected water toys cannot be used at any time.

Tanks and dams

- Water can only be used to fill or top up a dam or tank if it is to be used for:
 - fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle under Stage 1 restrictions; or
- in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.

Vehicles

- Can only be cleaned with water if it is by means of:
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - if such a device is not available, a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle; or
 - a commercial car wash.

Boat motors

- Water can only be used to flush the inboard or outboard motor of a boat if:
 - a suitable receptacle filled by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used; or
 - a flushing device connected to a hose is used and the tap is turned off immediately after flushing is complete.

Hard surfaces

- Water can only be used on hard surfaces (such as driveways, paths, concrete tiles, timber decking) or building facades (including windows), if:
 - it is for construction/renovation work
 - it is for cleaning required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency.

In these instances only a high pressure cleaning device, bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle may be used.

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STAGE 2 (SAVE)

Residential lawns

- No watering of these areas at any time.

Residential garden areas (excluding lawns)

- No watering, except as required and then only by means of:
 - a watering system on alternate days*, between 6am-8am, and between 6pm-8pm
 - a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time.

Ponds, lakes, fountains and water features

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

Swimming pools and spas

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 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can; or
 - an automatic water top up device.
- Water can only be used to fill a new or existing residential pool or spa with a capacity greater than 2,000 litres, in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.
- Water can only be used to top up a new or existing residential pool or spa of any capacity by means of:
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can on alternate days*, between 6am-8am, and between 6pm-8pm; or
 - an automatic water top up device at any time;
 - in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan
- Water can only be used to fill or top up a mobile spa in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.
- Hose-connected water toys cannot be used at any time.

Tanks and dams

- Water can only be used to fill or top up a dam or tank if it is to be used for:
 - Fire fighting, stock watering or other public health purposes, and then only to the extent necessary; or
 - for domestic purposes inside a dwelling; or
 - for any other use of water permitted by means of a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle under Stage 2 restrictions; or
- in accordance with an East Gippsland Water approved Water Use Plan.

Vehicles

- Can only be cleaned with water if it is by means of:
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - if such a device is not available, a bucket, watering can or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle; or
 - a commercial car wash.

Boat motors

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