



Frequently Asked Questions on water restrictions

No sprinklers or hand-held hosing allowed. What can I do?

Below are answers to some common questions to help you identify what you can and cannot do during a residential sprinkler and irrigation system ban, including hand-held hoses.

My neighbour is using their sprinkler – should they be?

No, unless they have their own water supply (bore). You can report sprinkler use by calling (07) 571 8008.

Can I continue to water my paddocks in order to keep my calves fed?

Yes. If water is required for human/stock welfare you can continue to use it, but do so as sparingly as possible.

Can I use my bore water?

Yes that is your own private supply and not provided by Council water supply.

The bowling club/sports club/Council is still watering their lawn; is that okay?

They are still permitted to water their facilities, however we have asked that everyone, including Council, are as pragmatic and responsible as possible.

My business relies on outdoor water use (house cleaners, nurseries etc.). What can I do?

You can continue to operate as normal, however we ask that you are pragmatic and responsible when watering.

Can the kids still play in the sprinkler?

No, sprinklers are banned during water restrictions – as are hand-held hoses.

Can I still fill my pool?

No.





Can I still clean my boat?

No.

Can I still waterblast my house?

No.

What are some other ways that I can water my garden?

You can water you garden with grey water collected from your bath, shower, washing machine or kitchen sink.

What is Council doing to save water?

Where possible, we will be stopping the watering of reserves, sports fields and street trees that are irrigated from District's water supply. However, at some reserves, turning off irrigation would cause damage that would incur a huge cost to ratepayers. You may see irrigation in some places where the water is not from the Council's water supply, so don't be alarmed.

What happens if the water restrictions do not work?

We will need to restrict water use further. The next level after that would be a ban on all outdoor water use.

