

LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

CATEGORIES	LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER USE
WATERING WITH: HOSEPIPES / SPRINKLERS	Watering with municipal drinking water only allowed on Tuesdays and Saturdays before 09:00 or after 18:00 for a maximum of one hour per day per property. Hosepipes must be fitted with a self-closing spray nozzle.
WATERING WITH: DRIPPERS / DRIP LINE / SOAKER HOSE / BUCKET / WATERING CAN	Watering with municipal drinking water allowed any day of the week before 09:00 or after 18:00.
SPORTS FIELDS / PARKS	Watering with municipal drinking water using sprinklers and hosepipes only allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays before 09:00 or after 18:00. Hosepipes must be fitted with a self-closing spray nozzle.
SWIMMING POOLS	Topping up or filling of swimming pools with municipal drinking water allowed subject to: • The pool being covered with a non-permeable solid pool cover when not in use. • Recovery of backwash water and the use of rainwater for pool topping up where practically possible.
WASHING VEHICLES (private & informal car washes)	Washing vehicles, caravans and boats with municipal drinking water allowed using a bucket or a high pressure, low volume cleaner.
WASHING VEHICLES (commercial car washes)	Commercial car washes may use municipal drinking water subject to industry best practice water conservation norms and the recycling of at least 50% of water used.
WATER FEATURES	Allowed

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Water use regulations permanently in place

Water By-law regulations apply at all times irrespective of the water restriction level.

- Watering only allowed before 09:00 or after 18:00. This applies to watering with drinking water, borehole and well point water.
- Hosepipes used for watering or washing vehicles, boats and caravans (where permitted) must be fitted with a controlling device such as a spray nozzle or automatic self-closing device.
- Automated sprinkler systems (where permitted) must be able to be correctly positioned and be able to be adjusted to prevent water wastage.
- Boreholes and well point water must be used sparingly and efficiently.
- Commercial car wash industries must comply with industry best practice norms regarding water usage per car washed.
- All swimming pools must be covered by a pool cover to avoid evaporation when not in use.
- Automatic top up systems using a float valve fed from a potable water source to supply swimming pools and garden ponds are not allowed.
- No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced or paved areas with municipal drinking water allowed. Water users, such as abattoirs, food-processing industries, care facilities, animal shelters and other industries or facilities with special needs (health/safety related only) must apply for exemption.
- Potable water may not be used to dampen building sand and other building material to prevent it from being blown away.
- Taps and showers provided in public facilities must be fitted with demand-type taps.
- Outdoor taps, except those on residential properties, must be secured to prevent unauthorised use.
- The maximum flow rate of any showerhead may not exceed 7 litres per minute.
- The maximum flow rate of any tap installed at a washbasin may not exceed 6 litres per minute.
- New or replaced toilet cisterns may not exceed 6 litres in capacity.

See the Water By-law, 2010 as (amended 2018) – Schedule 1 for exact wording.

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