

SUMMARY OF CHANGED RESTRICTIONS

Saving water is everyone's business and from 23 November 2007 Level 6 restrictions apply in South East Queensland. This includes the council areas of Beaudesert Shire, Brisbane City, Caboolture Shire, Shire of Esk, Gatton Shire, Gold Coast City, Ipswich City, Kilcoy Shire, Laidley Shire, Logan City, Pine Rivers Shire and Redcliffe City.

RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTIONS



No filling pools with town water

New pools and spas can still be built and filled, but water wise practices must be in place. Pools and spas must not be filled with town water - instead rainwater or water sourced from outside SEQ's drought affected council areas must be used. Residents must also provide their Council written proof of water purchase within 14 days of filling, or face an outdoor watering ban. The Swimming Pool and Spa Association (SPASA) has developed an ECO Pool certificate for new pools – more information is available at www.spasa.com.au



Compliance program for excessive water users

Tough penalties will apply for households using excessive* amounts of water if they don't reduce their consumption. This includes an outdoor watering ban, fines up to \$1050 and restricted flows. Households with a legitimate reason for high water use will be exempt.

*excessive amount means more than 800 litres per household per day or 200 litres per person per day if there are five or more residents.



No filling of rainwater tanks with town water

Rainwater tanks must not be filled with town water – either from your tap or from a water tanker which has been filled within SEQ's drought affected areas. Residents using water from water tankers should check the water is not sourced from town supply (exceptions apply where the tank is the only source of supply to the property).

NON-RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTIONS



Quarterly reports to councils

In premises using more than 10 million litres (ML) a year, the water user must provide performance reports to Council on their water efficiency practices. Sub-meters must also be installed on the supply line for operational processes or equipment using a significant amount of water, as per guidelines.



Monitor pool and spa water use

All pools and spas on non-residential properties must be water efficient, including resorts, gyms and hospitals. This also includes retirement villages. By 31 March 2008, operators must install:

- a rainwater tank or downpipe diverter
- fit water efficient showerheads and taps in public areas
- fit a 'clear view screen' in backwash outlet line
- a sub-meter (by a licensed plumber) on the pool or spa make-up line.

Operators must also:

- keep a weekly written log to track water use and detect water leaks
- use all available rainwater to top up before using town supply.

Public swimming pools (using recirculated water) can only use town water in accordance with a Water Efficiency Management Plan. Premises with pools not recirculating water are not allowed to use town water to operate or top up pools.

The use of outdoor showers (excluding safety showers) is permitted.



Monitor water use for vehicle washing

Vehicle washing in a fixed permanent location, such as automatic washing machines and permanent car wash bays, must be water efficient.

Operators must:

- keep a weekly written records of number of cars washed and amount of water used
- install a sub-meter by 31 March 2008 (where vehicle washing makes up a significant amount of total water use).

Motor vehicle dealerships can only spot clean the body of a vehicle to remove potentially damaging marks, or immediately prior to delivery to a purchaser. Vehicles must be washed in accordance with *Vehicle Washing Guidelines* or with a bucket.

If the vehicle washing takes place at a fixed permanent commercial location, that is a car wash used solely for washing vehicles, a sub meter is not required.

Water wise information for visitors

Accommodation providers must display water conservation information to its guests. Information must be clearly displayed in every bathroom within an accommodation unit on the premises and in every shared bathing facility or ablution block on the premises. The information can be downloaded from www.qwc.qld.gov.au