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All water users



All people living in, working at, and visiting the Northern Rivers




	150 litres		140 litres		130 litres		120 litres
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You must not waste water.
 You must try to install at least 3-star WELS rated showerheads, taps and toilets.
You must not use more water per person per day than:
 Council may contact you if your use too much water (>1500 litres a day for a property) and may ban you from using water outdoors if deemed necessary.




Gardens, lawns, and grassed areas

Established gardens

	<p>You must not use sprinklers, soaker hoses or unattended hoses You can use watering cans or buckets at any time. You can water your garden every second day on odd or even days matching your property number. You must use a hand-held hose with trigger control or an irrigation system. You can water between 4 pm and 9 am.</p>		<p>You must not water any garden using town water. You can water your garden with greywater.</p>
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	<p>You must not water for longer than: Irrigation system 15 min Hose 1 hour.</p>		<p>Irrigation system 15 min Hose 30 min.</p>		<p>No Irrigation system Hose 10 min.</p>
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New turf, lawns and gardens

	<p>Watering in permitted for 1 hour only on the day of establishment. Then 1 hour daily between 4 pm and 9 for 14 days.</p>		<p>Then 30 mins daily between 4 pm and 9 am for 7 days.</p>		<p>Watering in permitted for 30 minutes only on the day of establishment. Then 15 mins on odd/even days as per house number for 7 days.</p>
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Established lawns

	<p>You must not water any established lawns or grassed areas.</p>		<p>Not permitted</p>
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Garden features,
includes fountains, ponds,
water features, fish and
frog ponds



**You must not top-up any water feature unless it holds fish and/or frogs.
Installation and filling of new facilities not permitted.**

You must use a hand-held hose with trigger control or a bucket.

Swimming pools and spas

**Topping up and refilling
existing swimming pools
and spas**



You must not empty or refill a swimming pool or spa except for maintenance, repairs, or health/safety reasons.

You can use a pool cover to limit water loss through evaporation.

The following is permitted but only if the pool is on the [NSW Government Swimming Pool Register](#).



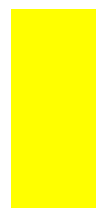
Topping up with handheld hose between 4 pm and 9 am.



Topping up to reduce structural damage with handheld hose between 4 pm and 9 am.

**Filling new swimming pools
and spas**

Permitted



Permitted
Rainwater tank must be used.



Permitted to avoid structural damage.
Prior approval from Council is required.
Rainwater tank must be used.



Prior approval from Council is required.

**Water play tools, toys,
inflatable pools, and slides**



Not permitted










Pet care



You can wash your pet and pet pens, using a bucket or handheld hose between 4 pm and 9 am.



You can wash your pet and pet pens. You must use a bucket. **You must not use a hose.**

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Building and surrounds				
Washing buildings and surrounds , includes external walls, roofs, windows, driveways, paved areas, paths	 <p>Permitted prior to sale or lease of property only with Council approval. Permitted prior to maintenance work (e.g. painting or restoration) only with Council approval. You must use an efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaner with trigger control.</p> <p>Not permitted for any other reason except health and safety</p>		 <p>Not permitted except for health and safety reasons by registered cleaning businesses only.</p>	 <p>Not permitted</p>
Vehicles				
Car washing	 <p>Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used if possible. Watering cans, buckets or handheld hoses permitted for 10 minutes only between 4 pm and 9 am on odd or even days matching house numbering system.</p>		 <p>Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control permitted for 5 minutes between 4 pm and 9 am on odd or even days matching house numbering system.</p>	 <p>Not permitted</p>
Washing boats and boat trailers used in salt water	 <p>Permitted for 10 minutes at any time.</p>		 <p>Permitted for 5 minutes at any time.</p>	 <p>Not permitted</p>

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For businesses and commercial premises – outdoor use. Restrictions do not apply to recycled water.

Businesses may be required to complete a water efficiency management plan

Accommodation providers

Includes: hotels, motels, guesthouses, hostels, caravan parks

You must display water conservation message/s supplied by Council in reception and every bathroom, ablution block, urinal, laundry, kitchen, BBQ, pool and spa area and at every outdoor tap.
 You must try to install at least 3-star WELS rated showerheads, tapware, urinals, and toilets.

Swimming pools and spas

Existing swimming pools and spas

 **You must not empty or refill a swimming pool or spa except for maintenance, repairs, or health/safety reasons.**
 You can use a pool cover to limit water loss through evaporation.

Topping up permitted.



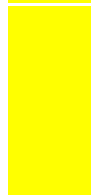
Topping up permitted between 4 pm and 9 am using a handheld hose with an on/off nozzle.



Topping up permitted to reduce structural damage or ensure filter efficiency, between 4 pm and 9 am using a handheld hose with an on/off nozzle.

New swimming pools and spas

Filling permitted to avoid structural damage.



Filling permitted to avoid structural damage. You must use a rainwater tank.



Permitted to avoid structural damage or ensure filter efficiency. Prior approval of Council is required. You must use a rainwater tank.



Prior Council approval required

Water play facilities, water parks

 Operation or top up **not permitted** unless water is recirculated.



Not permitted

Fountains, ponds, water features, outdoor aquariums

 Operation or top up **not permitted** except to maintain fish and/or frog life. Installation and filling of new facilities **not permitted**.

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Sports and creation

Irrigation of sports grounds, playing fields and golf fairways



Not permitted

Cricket pitches, tennis courts, bowling greens and golf greens

Sprinklers or handheld hoses permitted either early morning or late afternoon.

1 hour per day

30 minutes per day

15 minutes per day



Not permitted

Gardens, lawns and grassed areas

Watering established lawns



Not permitted

Garden watering



Sprinklers permitted 1 hour per day either early morning or late afternoon.



Sprinklers permitted 30 minutes per day either early morning or late afternoon.



Not permitted

Watering of new turf, lawns and gardens



Watering-in permitted for 1 hour only on the day of establishment.

Then 1 hour daily between 4 pm and 9 am for 14 days.



Then 30 minutes daily between 4 pm and 9 am for 7 days.







Watering in for 30 minutes on day of establishment. Then 15 minutes on odd or even days as per street number, for 7 days. Between 4 pm and 9 am.







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	 Not permitted for any other reason except health and safety.			
Window cleaning	Buckets permitted at any time.  Handheld hoses or high pressure cleansers not permitted.			

Vehicles

Commercial car wash	Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used if possible.		 Water must be recirculated. Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used. Log of water use required.	
Motor vehicle dealers, car detailing/repairs	Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used. Log of water use required.			 Not permitted
Buses, taxis, transport, food/grain/livestock, emergency services, garbage vehicles	Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used.	 Between 6 am – 8 am. On odd or even days matching house numbering system.		 Washing internal surfaces permitted only for health and safety reason.

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Construction				
Cleaning of construction sites	Efficient high pressure, low flow rate cleaners with trigger control are to be used.			
Road works and land development	Permitted for essential compaction and dust suppression only. Encourage use on non-potable supplies.			
Horticulture				
Including: flower farms, market gardens, nurseries, orchards, turf farms	Sprinklers or sprays permitted either early morning or late afternoon.			
	 2 hours per day	 1 hour per day	 30 minutes per day	 30 minutes per day
Animal husbandry and pet care	Washing animals with bucket or handheld hose fitted with an on/off nozzle permitted. Cleaning of pens with high pressure cleaning unit permitted.			

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Public facilities including sports clubs				
Public swimming pools – indoor and outdoor	 Emptying and refilling of pools is not permitted. Log of water use is required. Topping up permitted.	 Topping up permitted handheld hose fitted with on/off nozzle between 4 pm and 9 am.	 Topping up permitted to reduce structural damage or ensure filter efficiency, using handheld hose fitted with on/off nozzle between 4 pm and 9 am.	
Public water play facilities	 Operation or top up not permitted unless water is recirculated. Log of water use required.			 Not permitted
Sport and recreation				
Irrigation of golf fairways	 Not permitted.			
Cricket pitches, bowling greens, golf greens, sports fields	 1 hour per day	 30 minutes per day	 15 minutes per day	 Not permitted
Public amenities				
Public outdoor showers, beach showers and outdoor taps	 Permitted			 Not permitted
Public parks				
Public gardens, council parks and reserves	 Sprinklers or handheld hoses permitted either early morning or late afternoon. 1 hour per day	 30 minutes per day	 Not permitted	