

Level 1

Water Conservation Measures

Residents	
Private Gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Private Gardens must not be watered except by means of: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) sprinklers that operate only between 5:00am & 9:00am and between 5:00pm & 9:00pm (on alternate days); (b) microspray or drip system that operates only between 5:00pm & 9:00am on the following day; (c) hand-held hose, watering can or bucket, at any time.
Filling and topping up ponds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New ponds must not be filled for the first time without the written approval of Mackay Regional Council.
Fountains / water ornaments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fountains and water ornaments must not operate unless they recycle the water contained. 2. Fountains and water ornaments must not be topped up or filled except topping up to their minimum operating level and then only by means of a hand-held hose or containers filled directly from taps.
Swimming pools and spas	Private: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Existing swimming pools and spas must not be topped up except by means of a hand-held hose or containers filled directly from taps; (b) Portable wading pools must not be filled except by means of a hand-held hose or containers filled directly from taps.
Dams and tanks	Dams and water storage tanks must not be filled or topped up except: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) with the written approval of Mackay Regional Council; (b) in the case of tanks providing water for fire fighting, public health or stock watering purposes, only to the extent necessary to reasonably provide such purposes. <p>Tank filling in designated 'tank replenishment scheme' areas are excluded; however use must comply with all other conservation criteria.</p>
Mobile water tankers	Mobile water tankers, other than tankers directly used for fire fighting purposes, must not be filled with water from the water supply system except: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Domestic Purposes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) by means of a metered standpipe issued by Mackay Regional Council for the specified time period. 2. Other Purposes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) with the written approval of Mackay Regional Council and by means of a metered standpipe issued for the specified time period and designated area.
Other vehicles and boats	Water must not be used to clean private and public owned vehicles and boats except by means of: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a hand-held hose and then only to initially wet or rinse after washing; (b) watering can or buckets filled directly from a tap; (c) high-pressure low-volume water blaster; (d) commercial car wash facility. (e) Out-board motors may be flushed clean after use.
Paved areas/Driveways	Water must not be used to clean paved areas/driveways except by means of a hand-held trigger, high-pressure low-volume water blaster, watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap.
House/Window cleaning	Water must not be used to clean houses or windows except by means of: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a hand-held trigger; (b) high-pressure low-volume water blaster; (c) watering can or buckets filled directly from a tap.
Water toys / facilities	Water toys / facilities must not be used unless supervised by a person 18 years or over to ensure water is not wasted.
Other purposes not listed except for domestic use, fire fighting and public health	Water shall not be used without the written permission of Mackay Regional Council.

- Note:**
1. Microspray and drip systems shall have an operating timer fitted in accordance with the policy.
 2. Any reference to approval or permission means by Mackay Regional Council.
 3. Alternate days means:
 - (a) Properties with an odd street number may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday;
 - (b) Properties with an even street number may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday;
 - (c) Properties without a Council prescribed street number may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
 4. Handheld hoses must be under the control of or the supervision of a person 16 years or older.

Business	
Public Parks and Gardens	Public Gardens must not be watered except by means of: - (a) microspray or drip system that operates only between 5:00pm & 9:00am on the following day; (b) manual sprinklers that operate only between 5:00am & 9:00am and between 5:00pm & 9:00pm; (c) automatic sprinklers that operate only between 9:00pm & 5:00am on the following day; (d) hand-held hose, watering can or buckets, at any time.
Swimming pools and spas	Public: - Existing swimming pools and spas may be topped up at any time.
Dams and tanks	Dams and water storage tanks must not be filled or topped up except: - (c) with the written approval of Mackay Regional Council; (d) in the case of tanks providing water for fire fighting, public health or stock watering purposes, only to the extent necessary to reasonably provide such purposes. Tank filling in designated 'tank replenishment scheme' areas are excluded; however use must comply with all other conservation criteria.
Sports grounds	Sports grounds must not be watered except by means of: - (a) microspray or drip system that operates only between 5:00pm & 9:00am on the following day; (b) manual sprinklers that operate only between 5:00am & 9:00am and between 5:00pm & 9:00pm; (c) automatic sprinklers that operate only between 9:00pm & 5:00am on the following day; (d) hand-held hose, watering can or buckets, at any time.
Commercial market garden and plant nursery	No restriction.
Mobile water tankers	Mobile water tankers, other than tankers directly used for fire fighting purposes, must not be filled with water from the water supply system except: - 1. Public street & park trees (a) By means of Mackay Regional Council tankers filled Monday to Friday at Council depots from designated metered connection points; 2. Other Purposes (b) with the written approval of Mackay Regional Council and by means of a metered standpipe issued for the specified time period and designated area.
Motor vehicle and boat dealers or detailers	Water must not be used to clean vehicles or boats associated with a licensed or retail dealer except by means of: - (a) a hand-held hose and then only to initially wet or rinse after washing; (b) high-pressure low-volume water blaster; (c) watering can or buckets filled directly from a tap; (d) commercial car wash facility.
Food transport vehicles	Water must not be used to clean vehicles associated with food transport except by means of: - (a) a hand-held hose and then only to initially wet or rinse vehicles after washing; (b) high-pressure low-volume water blaster; (c) watering can or buckets filled directly from a tap; (d) commercial car wash facility.
Other vehicles and boats	Water must not be used to clean private and public owned vehicles and boats except by means of: - (a) a hand-held hose and then only to initially wet or rinse after washing; (b) watering can or buckets filled directly from a tap; (c) high-pressure low-volume water blaster; (d) commercial car wash facility. (e) Out-board motors may be flushed clean after use.
Paved areas/Driveways	Water must not be used to clean paved areas/driveways except by means of a hand-held trigger, high-pressure low-volume water blaster, watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap.
Housing, Building and Construction industry	Water may be used in construction, building or similar work provided activities: - (a) utilise a hand-held hose or buckets filled directly from a tap or drums filled by a hand-held hose; (b) construction equipment that relies on a water supply for its safe and efficient operation is operated so as to prevent wastage of water; (c) water used in the normal course for testing or flushing of pipes or similar is reused where possible; (d) water used for curing of concrete is used efficiently.
Animal husbandry	All wash-down and cleaning must be by use of a hand-held hose or container filled directly from a tap.
Meat processing	All wash-down and cleaning must be by use of a hand-held hose or container filled directly from a tap.
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