

STAGE 2

WATER RESTRICTIONS

in the ACT from 1 November 2006

Target Annual Reduction Relative to Water Conservation Measures = 25%

	Private gardens and lawns; commercial nurseries, market gardens and turf-growing businesses	No sprinkler or other irrigation system, other than a dripper system, may be used. A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket, a watering can or a dripper system may be used to water lawns and plants between 7am and 10am and between 7pm and 10pm on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system. At all times gardens and lawns may only be watered without causing pooling or runoff.
	Lawns and plants at parks, sports amenities, golf courses and public gardens	The target of a 25% reduction in water use should be met. At all times lawns and plants may only be watered without causing pooling or runoff.
	Paved areas	Water must not be used to clean paved areas unless necessary as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.
	Private ponds and fountains	Fountains must be switched off. Ponds may only be topped up using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or a watering can.
	Public ponds and fountains	Existing ponds must not be filled or topped up other than with non-potable water. Only existing fountains that recirculate water may be operated and they may be topped up only with non-potable water. New ponds and fountains may not be filled with any water or used.
	Private swimming pools	Existing pools must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption. Previously filled pools must not be topped up without a written exemption unless: (a) the pool is covered when not in use; and (b) topping up is undertaken with a hand-held hose only between 7 am to 10 am or 7 pm to 10 pm on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system.
	Public swimming pools	Existing pools must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption but may be topped up. Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption.
	Water storage tanks, dams, and lakes.	Must not be filled or topped up other than with non-potable water.
	Vehicles	If not washed at a commercial car wash, any vehicle should be washed on a lawn or other porous surface wherever practicable and then may only be used, not more than once per month, by using: (i) a bucket or watering can; (ii) a high-pressure low-volume cleaner; or (iii) a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle. Any vehicle may be washed at a commercial car wash only if it recycles water and holds an exemption allowing use of potable water. Boat motors may be flushed or rinsed after use.
	Windows and buildings	No washing unless necessary as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency, provided that building gutters may be cleaned at any time
	Construction and related activities	Unless impractical, water may only be used by means of a hose fitted with a flow cut-off device. Wherever practicable non-potable water should be used.