



# Level 1 Water Restrictions - Sydney

Due to increased dam levels from recent rainfall, water restrictions have been eased back to Level 1. Whilst still too early to tell if the recent rain is just temporary relief from drought or a sign that things are improving, the ongoing reduction in our water consumption, will help save water for our future supply.

Water restrictions limit how, and when, water can be used outdoors. The restrictions apply to Sydney, the Blue Mountains and the Illawarra. They apply to everyone – including households and businesses connected to the Sydney Water Network.

As a user of the Sydney Water Network, Daracon is required to limit water usage as far as practicable.

Daracon has a Level 1 Water Restrictions Exemption which defines the conditions under which Daracon may use water outdoors for specific activities. All supervisors should be aware of these conditions in the management of their sites.



## DARACON FACILITIES AND PROJECT SITES

To assist in our business focus to save water consider the following at your sites:

- Report all water leaks immediately from plant or infrastructure.
- Avoid excavation or stripping areas where possible to limit exposed soil surfaces and the need for dust suppression.
- Consider causes of dust onsite and review practicality of alternate means for reducing dust generation
  - e.g. utilising ground cover, mulch, geo-fabrics, application soil binders/agents, rather than only using water.
- Inspect and maintain plant and equipment
  - e.g. maintain pumping equipment and water carts, assess for leak points and replace leaking hoses and/or fittings.
- Consider the scheduling of landscaping works due to Level 1 water restrictions.
- Inspect site compounds for leaking taps, toilets and fittings; repair where necessary.
- Implement and use water efficient devices onsite
  - e.g. trigger nozzles on hoses and flow restrictors on pressure sprayers (<20L/min).
- Don't leave taps and hoses running unattended.
- Discuss water restrictions, areas for water savings, or alternative sources of water with your teams.



## AT HOME

The below actions should also be implemented at home during level 1 water restrictions:

- Discuss water restrictions with family and friends.
- Only conduct outdoor watering before 10am and after 4pm with a bucket or hose fitted with a trigger nozzle. No sprinklers
- Wash vehicles, boats and buildings with a bucket or hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.
- No hosing of hard surfaces such as concrete, paths and driveways.



## EVERY DROP COUNTS

- A dripping tap can waste up to 3L per day.
- Save 14,500 litres of water each year with a 3-star water efficient showerhead.
- Save 30,000 to 40,000 litres of water per year by replacing an old 11 litre single flush toilet with a 4-star dual flush toilet.
- Water efficient washing machines can save two thirds of the water that an older model uses.

For full list of level 1 water restrictions visit: [www.sydneywater.com.au](http://www.sydneywater.com.au)