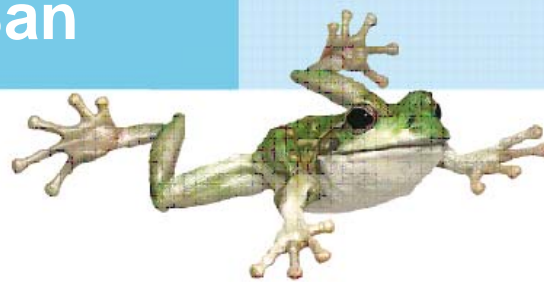


Trial Winter Sprinkler Ban



Frequently Asked Questions

Duration

- 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2009

Is it permanent?

- No it is a trial announced by the Minister for Water.
- The State has experienced the third driest start to winter on record. Our dams remain low as we come into the second winter month and our water use is close to nine billion litres above the expected usage for the 12 months ending July 1. This may lead to more water being taken from the Gngangara mound.
- The intent of the trial is to change community perceptions and behaviour about water consumption and emphasise that there is no need to have sprinklers on established lawns and gardens in winter.
- The trial will be assessed closely and provide information to establish if a winter sprinkler ban should be a permanent feature in winter.

Who does it apply to?

- All **scheme** water users currently under the two day per week roster system from Kalbarri to Kalgoorlie southwards.
- All domestic **bore** water users in Perth and Mandurah.
- Licensed **bore** users such as golf courses, local government, Education Department, Main Roads, Sport and Recreation in Perth and Mandurah.

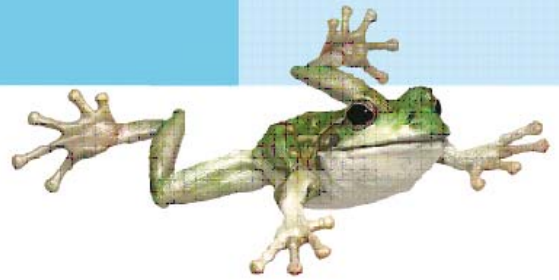
Who is exempt?

- Garden industries and food production based industries.

What water use is permitted?

Stage 6 water restrictions under the *Water Agencies (Water Use) By-Laws 2007* apply to **scheme** water use:

- (1) A person must not water a lawn or garden except by —
 - (a) a hand held hose with one outlet; or
 - (b) a hand held watering can.
- (2) A person must not spray a building, path, paved area or road except —
 - (a) to the minimum extent necessary for fire fighting; or
 - (b) with —
 - (i) a high pressure water cleaner; or



- (ii) a hand-held hose with one outlet, to the minimum extent necessary for the cleaning of the building, path, paved area or road so as to avoid a threat to public health or safety; or
- (c) with a hand-held hose with one outlet to the minimum extent necessary for purposes related to the construction, demolition or repair of the building, path, paved area or road.

- (3) A person must not fill a swimming pool except —
- (a) to replace water lost from the pool through evaporation or ordinary use; and
 - (b) to the minimum extent necessary for the proper functioning of the pool.

Enforcement

- Notification of breaches by telephone to **13 10 39**.
- Enforcement officer sent out.
- **Scheme** water infringement notices face a \$100 fine.
- Current restrictions and the relevant penalties for **garden bores** in the Perth and Mandurah regions on the three day roster still apply.

Operating your bore so it doesn't seize up

Bore water users are asked to cooperate with the trial and run their bore only if absolutely necessary for a few minutes on one of the rostered bore watering days.

For bore and licensed user enquiries, please phone Department of Water on 1800 508 885.

What scheme water exemptions apply?

Scheme water exemptions generally apply to the establishment of new lawns and gardens. The householder must call the Water Corporation on **13 10 39** and request an exemption, the customer service representative will ask the householder if their irrigation system complies with the conditions listed at:

http://www.watercorporation.com.au/R/restriction_exemptions.cfm

If it does, an exemption will be issued.