

WATER RESTRICTIONS

ISSUES RAISED BY CALLERS

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Bowling club – green stressed and requires flooding	The water supply is metered and so the green may be flooded and/or sprinklers used any time between 8pm and 8am
2. Shift worker at work between 8.00pm and 8.00am, wants exemption	Sorry, no exemptions. Suggest asking a neighbour to help
3. Elderly person doesn't like going out after 8.00pm wants exemption	Sorry, no exemptions. Suggest using a watering can during the day
4. Private cars being washed at work	This is permitted as water supply is metered
5. Why do we not have restrictions on even/odd days and even/odd street numbers?	On their permitted day, customers tend to use excess water so that minimal savings are achieved
6. Children have been playing with hose and watering themselves	Provided the hose is hand held, this activity is permitted. However as it is wasteful and the hose ends up lying on the ground, it should be discontinued
7. I wish to use a water blaster on my roof	This is permitted as it is not irrigation or car washing
8. Can I wash down my boat?	This is permitted as it is not irrigation or car washing
9. Car yards hose down their cars in the morning	This is permitted as water supply is metered
10. Roading contractor wants to draw water from hydrants for SKID testing machine	This is permitted as permits for use of hydrants by contractors are still in force. This is also a road safety issue
11. A youth group will be operating a tilt bucket machine at a fun day in the Octagon. People pay to have a bucket of water tipped over them. It is a fund raiser for an overseas trip	This is permitted as the water will come from a metered supply and is a fund raising activity
12. Conflicting statements by the media, eg that bowling clubs and Council parks are exempt	Under Level 2, no one has an exemption

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13. I have just spent a lot of money resowing my lawns. If I do not use a sprinkler the grass may die	Sorry, no exemptions. Suggest using a hand held hose with a spray nozzle between 8.00pm and 8.00am, or a watering can during the day
14. I have just laid a new concrete drive and need to use a sprinkler to stop concrete cracking	A sprinkler cannot be used but a hand held hose can be used at any time for this purpose. Suggest also the use of a watering can or wet sacks/ cloths etc
15. Why do we not give earlier notice that restrictions are about to be brought in?	Because consumers would then use excess water washing their cars and soaking their gardens in readiness for the restrictions
16. My neighbour has a taxi which he washes during the day	This is permitted as taxis, courier vans, trucks etc, which are used to earn a living, are not domestic vehicles