

LEVEL 7 WATER RESTRICTIONS



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Level 7 Restrictions will apply in Kingarooy Shire from 1 October 2007

Restrictions will apply to all consumers connected to the Kingarooy, Kumbia and Wooolin water supply schemes.

Water restrictions form part of Council's water conservation measures to help extend the availability of water from Gordonbrook Dam during the current drought.

Kingarooy Shire Council is currently constructing an emergency water pipeline to provide a water supply to Kingarooy. This pipeline will be commissioned prior to the depletion of Gordonbrook Dam in January 2008. Council is also actively working towards securing future water supply for Kingarooy's growing population.

The construction of a new borefield to supply water to Kumbia is also planned to begin in the near future.

With the introduction of Level 7 restrictions, residents and businesses are urged to take the necessary steps to meet the conditions of implemented restrictions.



Gordonbrook Dam showing lack of water at the crest of the spillway

GORDONBROOK DAM STATISTICS

Capacity: 28%
Allocation: 1620ML

Available Volume: 230ML
(after accounting for Evaporation Losses and Dead Storage)

RECOMMENDED DAILY USAGE
100 litres / person / day

What Does Level 7 Mean For Consumers?

Residents are being asked to make significant indoor water use savings — such as 4 minute showers and turning off the tap when cleaning teeth.

GARDENS - USE GREY WATER OR TANK WATER ONLY.

VEHICLES - ONLY USE BUCKET TO SPOT CLEAN MIRRORS, LIGHTS, GLASS, NUMBER PLATES AND POTENTIALLY DAMAGING MARKS.

POOLS, PAVED OR CONCRETE AREAS

NO FILLING OF POOLS USING TOWN WATER.

NO CLEANING OF DRIVEWAYS, PATHS ETC

COUNCIL ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO DISCONNECT THEIR HOSES FROM TOWN WATER TAPS

BUSINESSES: COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL require an approved WEMP to use water for their business activities. The plan must be developed & submitted to Council for approval, based on water saving techniques to be employed on the premises.

WATER SAVING TECHNIQUES include fixing leaks, using buckets (not hoses) or high pressure devices to minimize water usage or substitute chemicals for cleaning.

Business, Industry and Commercial

Business, Industry and Commercial consumers are also encouraged to take their part in reducing water use where possible. Under Level 7 restrictions, all Business, Industry and Commercial consumers are required to submit a Water Efficient Management Plan (WEMP) for approval. Detailed restrictions apply for specific business uses, as detailed in the attached table.

To assist businesses in reducing water use, the Queensland Government has implemented the Business Water Efficiency Program (BWEPP) to provide financial and technical support to help businesses conserve water.

For more information visit www.seqwater.com.au



Tips For Saving Water

Shower - Reduce your average shower time to 4 minutes and save at least 36litres of water per day

Toilet - Invest in a dual flush toilet. Converting to a dual flush toilet can save up to 6 litres per flush. You can get up to \$150 back from the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme. Ph 1800 243 585

Install a Water Saving Showerhead and aerators on your taps. Fix leaking taps and turn off the tap when cleaning teeth or other household tasks.

Dishwashers & Washing Machines - run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines and use the economy settings to save at least 4 litres a day.



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Water Use Category	RESIDENTIAL		
1.0 Gardens and Lawns			
Buckets	Banned	Travelling irrigators	Banned
Hand-held hosing	Banned	New turf	Banned
Sprinklers and sprinkler systems, soaker hoses	Banned	Council approved irrigation systems (drip and micro sprinkler)	Banned
2.0 Paved or Concrete areas	Banned - cleaning		
3.0 Swimming pools and spas	Banned - No filling or topping up allowed		
4.0 Motor vehicle washing (excluding washing windscreens, mirrors and lights)	Banned - Consumers may use a bucket filled from a tap to wash mirrors, lights, glass and number plates to maintain visibility and regulatory requirements.		
5.0 Pets	Permitted any time for drinking, washing Cleaning of pens using a high-pressure water cleaner with trigger nozzle Businesses who use town water for washing pets will require an approved WEMP		
6.0 Cleaning of BBQs & rubbish bins	Bucket only - Anytime		
7.0 External building cleaning	Banned unless used as part of business purposes — WEMP REQUIRED		
Water Use Category	PARKS AND RECREATION		
1.0 Recreation and sporting facilities, parks and public gardens	No watering without Council approval and approved WEMP*		
Water Use Category	COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
1.0 Business gardens, lawns or landscaping	Banned		
2.0 Car dealers	Must have an approved WEMP* and use buckets for washing, high pressure water cleaners for rinsing. Limited hours on watering days		
3.0 Truck washing – hygiene & safety only (exterior panel washing as per residential motor vehicle washing)	Must have an approved WEMP* Must use buckets for washing, high pressure water units for rinsing only		
4.0 Child care centres	Gardens - Banned Buckets or High Pressure cleaners anytime - only for hygiene purposes		
5.0 External building cleaning (as per watering times and days)	Industrial and commercial cleaning with approved WEMP* only		
6.0 Safety, testing facilities, hygiene	Unlimited - with approval from Council		
7.0 Other requests	<i>To be considered by Council on an individual basis after written application</i>		