



3.1 Stage 1 Water Restrictions

Stage 1 comes into effect automatically each year on July 1st until September 15th or as directed by the qRD, to prevent drinking water wastage and ensure water users employ efficient and effective watering practices.

User	Water Use	Restriction
Residential	Watering lawns	Even-numbered civic addresses on even days: - Automatic watering from 5 am to 7 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am Odd-numbered civic addresses on odd days: - Automatic watering from 5 am to 7 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am
	Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Outside restricted lawn watering times with written permission from a member jurisdiction
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 5 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
Non-Residential	Watering lawns (mixed-use buildings e.g., residential, and commercial should follow Non-residential watering times)	Even-numbered civic addresses on Mondays: - Automatic watering from 4 am to 6 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am Odd-numbered civic addresses on Tuesdays: - Automatic watering from 4 am to 6 am - Manual watering – from 6 am to 9 am
	Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for European Chafer Beetle	Outside restricted lawn watering times with written permission from a member jurisdiction
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 4 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
Governments/Schools/Parks	Watering lawns and grass boulevards	Even-numbered civic addresses on Mondays: - Automatic watering from 4 am to 6 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am Odd-numbered civic addresses on Tuesdays: - Automatic watering from 4 am to 6 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am
	Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Outside restricted lawn watering times with written permission from a member jurisdiction
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 4 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
	Watering soil-based playing fields	On any day from 7 pm to 9 am, except if: - Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with the written permission from a member jurisdiction - Operating under an approved member jurisdiction water management plan
	Watering sand-based playing fields	On any day from 7 pm to 9 am, except if: - Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with the written permission from a member jurisdiction - Operating under an approved member jurisdiction water management plan
	Flushing water mains	Prohibited, unless required for water quality or by direction of the Health Authority