



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Residents and property owners of the Banana Shire are advised that Council has reviewed its water management initiatives and the following restriction levels apply to water used from the town supplies as at 1 December 2010.

- **Level 3 – Goovigen, Wowan**
- **Level 2 – Biloela, Callide Dam, Thangool**
- **Level 0 – Banana, Baralaba, Cracow, Moura, Taroom, Theodore,**

METHOD	TOWN WATER SUPPLY DEMAND MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS				
	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Sprinklers (including micro-sprays)	Anytime	Permitted, but NOT between 9am and 3pm	Oct to Mar 6am to 8am & 5pm to 7pm Apr to Sept 7am to 9am & 4pm to 6pm	Prohibited	Prohibited – Total ban on all outdoor water use.
Hand Held Hose & Drip Irrigation (& Approved Sub-surface Irrigation utilised for sporting fields / ovals)	Anytime	Anytime	Anytime	Oct to Mar 6am to 8am & 5pm to 7pm Apr to Sept 7am to 9am & 4pm to 6pm	Prohibited – Total ban on all outdoor water use.
Buckets or watering cans (<20 litre) filled directly from taps	Anytime	Anytime	Anytime	Anytime	Prohibited – Total ban on all outdoor water use.

These restrictions apply to all outside water use of town water including for example:-

- Watering Lawn / garden
- Sports Grounds / School Ovals
- Bowling Green / Cricket Wicket
- Filling / topping up swimming pool, garden pond, fountain, etc
- Car washing (excludes recycled water facilities)
- Cleaning Exterior House / Windows
- Council Parks & Gardens
- Commercial Plant Nursery

Water sourced from alternative supplies (eg private dam, private bore, recycled water from Council recycled water standpipe) may still be used for appropriate purposes.

Notes/Conditions:

1. **Non-compliance** - Non-compliance with Banana Shire Council's water management provisions shall be an offence and subject to the penalty provisions of the water

Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008. On the spot fines shall apply for a first offence, and each subsequent offence.

2. **Hose** – A single hand held hose (nominal 12mm diameter) only per property, attended during use shall be permitted to be used. Hose shall be fitted with a trigger controlled nozzle.
3. **Fire Hose & hydrants** - Fire hoses and hydrants are only to be used for fire-fighting purposes. Hosing of paved areas and use of fire hoses for non- fire uses is prohibited
4. Hosing of concrete/paved areas - Water must not be used to clean paved areas, including street cleaning, unless cleaning is required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency
5. **Childs water toys** – child’s water toys and slides utilising running water shall only be permitted during sprinkler times and shall be used in lieu of sprinkler for that period.
6. **Testing / filling pipelines** - Written approval is required prior to taking water for testing/filling of pipelines.
7. **Water conservation / efficiency** – Water conservation and efficient water use practices are to be maintained at all times and apply to any uses not specifically listed above.
8. **Water from standpipes** – Water from drinking water standpipes or hydrants is not to be taken or used for purposes other than supply of drinking water, public health purposes, or for fire fighting purposes. Water supply for dust suppression and construction purposes etc. shall be obtained from sources other than the town supply (eg recycled water standpipe)
9. **Exemptions** – Exemptions to restrictions may be granted in writing by Banana Shire Council if it considers that reasonable grounds for such exemptions have been presented to it in writing.

Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank residents for their co-operation and urges consumers throughout the Shire to use water appropriately and in a waterwise manner.

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