

Level 1 water usage restrictions for Camooweal:

Private gardens – including caravan parks, businesses, government departments & similar entities

Garden Beds/Shrubbery Areas and Lawn Areas

- Use of sprinklers, micro spray and drip systems fitted with timers restricted to 6.00am to 9.00am and 6.00pm to 9.00pm—On even dates for properties with even property numbers and odd dates for properties with odd property numbers.
- Use of hand held hoses, watering cans or buckets can be used at anytime
- All properties may use hand held watering or sprinklers on 31st day of the month.

Council facilities & areas

Applies to Council owned and other public gardens with de-signed watering programs:

- Public Gardens—Usage of sprinklers restricted to every second day;
- Automatic systems set for 7pm to 7am; Attended hand held hoses (including water truck spray bar) permitted at any time;
- Recycled effluent water to be used instead of potable water where possible;

Ponds in private or public area – filling or topping up

- Existing ponds can only be topped up to their normal level and only by means of hand held hoses or by means of watering cans or buckets filled directly from taps

Fountains

- Must not operate unless they recycle water;

Paved areas – cleaning

- High pressure water to be used

Private swimming pools or spas – filling or topping up

- Filling new pools, no restrictions
- Existing pools may be topped up as per garden watering times

Window cleaning

- No restrictions

Farm dams and tanks – topping up

- Topping of potable usage tanks will only be permitted with written permission of Council. Usage from the tank is to comply with requirements of this restriction.

Sports grounds & education facilities

- Sprinklers allowed every second day
- Attended hand held hoses (including water truck spray bar) permitted at any time

Commercial market garden or plant nursery – plant watering

- No restrictions

Mobile water tankers – filling

- Water must not be used without the written permission of the authority;

Food transport vehicles – cleaning

- No restrictions

Other vehicles – cleaning

- Hoses must be fitted with a trigger control nozzle for cleaning vehicles by hand;
- No limitations apply to automatic car washing system with recirculation systems;

Construction industry

- No restrictions

Any other purpose other than for use inside domestic premises and for domestic farm and animals

- Water must not be used without the written permission of Council.

DON'T BE A DRIP! SAVE EVERY DROP.

Become a water warrior and wage war on water wastage today.

HELP STOP WATER WASTAGE

If you see a person wasting water, or watering out of hours, report it to Council by calling 07 4747 3200.

TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER

IN THE HOME

- Install a dual-flush toilet. You can save up to 8L every time you flush.
- Divert grey water from your washing machine for immediate use in the garden (except on vegetables).
- Take short showers (4 mins) and install water saver heads – an 8 minute shower uses 120L.
- Place a few drops of food colour in the toilet cistern and wait 15 mins. If colour appears in the bowl you have a leak. This can waste up to 16,000L per year.
- Don't run a half empty dishwasher, it still uses at least 50L whether it is full or not.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving – this saves between 5 to 15L each time.
- Match the load setting on the washing machine to the size of the load.
- On average, top loading washers use up to 60% more water, 50% more detergent and 40% more electricity than front loading machines – consider upgrading.
- Choose household appliances that have a high water efficiency rating – 3 stars or better.
- Use tap aerator devices, they are inexpensive and can reduce water flow by 50%.

IN THE GARDEN

- Improve your soil – mix in plenty of organic matter to both feed your plants and help the soil hold moisture.
- Install sub-surface irrigation as it waters the roots, is low maintenance and reduces evaporation.
- Choose the correct plants (list on Council's website). Look around to see what is suited to our local climate.
- Go mad with mulch. It should be at least 10cm thick and will decrease water loss and reduce weed growth.
- Deal with weeds. They use up precious water and steal nutrients from the soil.
- Use a timer on the tap. This will ensure taps are not left running accidentally.
- Only water when plants need moisture and stick to watering times later in the evening.
- Lawns use nine times more water than a garden so minimise lawn and mix with plants or rocks.
- Don't over water; waterlogged soil encourages the growth of bacteria and fungi, which cause plant disease.
- Prune shrubs after spring, this reduces the leaf area and reduces the shrub's water loss.
- Use potting mix with high organic matter content and wetting agents in your pots. This will help retain moisture.
- Compost suitable food scraps – compost enriches the soil by helping it absorb and hold water.

FOR THE POOL

- A properly fitted pool blanket/spa cover can stop up to 97% of evaporation. This also reduces the amount of chemicals required to treat the water, and may reduce the amount of electricity required for heating.
- Check for leaks – a tiny leak could result in a large amount of water loss. To do this, mark the level at the skimmer box and check 24hr later; water loss should be no more than 3 cm daily.
- Provide shade over your pool. This will also reduce evaporation and protect swimmers from the sun's rays.