



RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL WATER USAGE POLICY

POLICY NUMBER:	040
INFOPERT REF:	71873
TIME PERIOD OF REVIEW:	1 Year
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	July 2024

1. OBJECTIVE

To assist the community to meet water restrictions to be implemented 01 February 2020.

2. CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Richmond Township are now on level 2 water restrictions as of 01 February 2020.

Sprinklers and fixed irrigation systems can only be used from the hours of **4:00am to 8:00am and 4:00pm to 8:00pm** Monday to Sunday.

No sprinklers, fixed irrigation systems and unattended hoses can be used from the hours of **8:00am to 4:00pm and 8:00pm to 4:00am** Monday to Sunday.

These restrictions can change at any time at Councils discretion.

Level of restrictions:

Level 1: 4pm – 9am Monday to Sunday

Level 2: 4pm – 8pm and 4am – 8am Monday to Sunday

Level 3: 4pm – 8pm and 4am – 8am odds and evens

- Odd – Monday, Thursday, Saturday
- Even – Tuesday, Friday, Sunday
- No watering on Wednesdays

Level 4: Handheld watering ONLY

Non-Restricted Watering

Handheld hoses can be used by all on any day and any time but may not be left unattended.

Fines will be in the order of two penalty unit per offence.

3. EXCESS WATER CHARGES

Excess Water Consumption Charge – Any water that is used over the water allowance will be charged at an excess water consumption rate. The excess water charge is to encourage the responsible use of water so that the more water you use, the more you pay.

Excess water charges will be issued via a separate water billing notice in January (for the period July to December prior) and in July (for the period January to June prior). The first water bill will be issued in January 2024. Any excess water will be charged at \$1.55 per kilolitre.

If you do not use more than your water allowance, you will not be charged any excess water charge. See page 3 for the table of water consumption charges for each category.

4. LEGISLATION

- *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability Act) 2008*
- *Local Government Act 2009*

5. IMPLEMENTATION

This Policy will commence from the Policy reviewed date and will be made available to all corporate staff on Council's intranet site/network, and to all outdoor staff via their supervisor/coordinator. Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time. This Policy will typically be reviewed when a review has been deemed appropriate by organisational processes (e.g., audit recommendations), or when legislative requirements change.

6. APPROVAL

Date of Adoption: 17 March 2015
Policy Reviewed: General Council Meeting 24 July 2023
Resolution Number: 20230724.8

Policy Authorised: Peter Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

Table of water access and consumption charges

CATEGORY	Daily Allowance (Litres)	Access Charge (\$)	Half Year Allowance (kL)	Yearly Allowance (kL)
Vacant Land	1,000	750	183	366
Residential	4,000	1,000	730	1,460
Rural Residential	6,000	1,500	1,095	2,190
Business Premises	6,000	1,500	1,095	2,190
Bowling Club	8,625	2,156	1,574	3,148
Fuel Depot	9,375	2,344	1,711	3,422
Sports Field	11,250	2,813	2,054	4,108
Racecourse	13,500	3,375	2,464	4,928
Fire Station	15,000	3,750	2,738	5,476
Railway Camp	24,750	6,188	4,517	9,034
Railway Station	61,875	15,469	11,292	22,584
Churches and Charities	2,250	563	411	822
Service Stations	6,000	1,500	1,095	2,190
Railway Single Men's Quarters	8,250	2,063	1,506	3,012
Slaughter Yards	8,625	2,156	1,574	3,148
Government Offices	11,250	2,813	2,054	4,108
Swimming Pool	11,250	2,813	2,054	4,108
Motel	16,875	4,219	3,080	6,160
Hotel	16,875	4,219	3,080	6,160
Preschool	18,750	4,688	3,422	6,844
Motel Service Station	21,000	5,250	3,833	7,666
Hotel-Motel	24,375	6,094	4,448	8,896
Jail	3,750	938	684	1,368
Museum	6,750	1,688	1,232	2,464
Cemetery	6,750	1,688	1,232	2,464
Golf Club	8,625	2,156	1,574	3,148
Airport	10,875	2,719	1,985	3,970
Parks	11,250	2,813	2,054	4,108
Police Station	11,250	2,813	2,054	4,108
Court House	18,750	4,688	3,422	6,844
Hospital	61,875	15,469	11,292	22,584
School	67,500	16,875	12,319	24,638