

# FACT SHEET – MEDIUM LEVEL RESTRICTIONS



## Residential – quick reference guide

Activity	Bucket	Hose or Efficient Irrigation System
Gardens	✓ 4pm-8am any day (except Monday)	✓ Saturday & Tuesday 4pm-4.30pm (odd numbered)  Sunday & Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm (even or un-numbered)
General Outdoor Cleaning	✓ Clean any time	
Vehicle Washing	✓ Clean any time	

### Gardens

You can water your garden with a bucket, filled directly from a tap, on any day except Monday between 4pm and 8am. On specific days, you can use a hose fitted with a twist or trigger nozzle, an efficient sprinkler, or you can use an efficient irrigation system (for more information refer to the brochure on efficient garden irrigation). You may only use one of these watering methods at a time.

The QWC's *Efficient Irrigation for Water Conservation Guideline* provides information on efficient garden irrigation that will ensure compliance with this Restriction.

The specific days and times are shown in the table below:

Activity	Bucket	Hose/efficient irrigation system
Water garden	✓ any day 4pm-8am except Monday	 Saturday and Tuesday: 4pm-4.30pm (odd numbered houses)  Sunday and Wednesday: 4pm-4.30pm (even or un-numbered houses)
Water lawn	✗	✗

Bucket   
 Trigger/twist nozzle hose   
 Efficient irrigation

Residents can also water new gardens or lawns for 1 hour on the day of installation and then 1 hour a day for 21 days (including Mondays) between 4am

and 7am or between 4pm and 7pm. You can use a bucket, a hose fitted with a twist or trigger nozzle, an efficient sprinkler, or an efficient irrigation system. But you may only use one of these methods at a time.

Remember – No watering established lawns and use efficient irrigation systems on your garden.

### Pools and spas

Residents can fill a new pool or spa with town water. Once filled, pools or spas can only be topped up in the times set out below.

Topping up a pool or spa is subject to specific rules and conditions. Topping up hours are:

Street Number	Day
Odd numbered	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 4.00 – 7.00pm
Even or un-numbered	Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 4.00 – 7.00pm

Residents must also use rain water first and have three water efficient devices before topping up the pool.

Remember – Use rainwater first and check the Pool and Spa fact sheet for further information.

### Vehicle washing

Residents can wash their car, boat or caravan with a bucket, filled directly from a tap, at any time but can only use a hose fitted with a trigger or twist nozzle, or a high pressure cleaning unit on specific days.

Applies to the use of town water only. For the complete list of restrictions refer to Medium Level Restrictions Document at [www.qwc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qwc.qld.gov.au)

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## Vehicle washing times apply on specific days:

Street Number	Day
Odd numbered	Saturday and Tuesday 4pm-4.30pm
Even or un-numbered	Sunday and Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm

## General outdoor cleaning and house washing

Residents can clean their wheelie bins, barbecues and other outdoor items using a bucket, filled directly from a tap, at any time but can only use a hose fitted with a trigger or twist nozzle, or a high pressure cleaning unit on specific days.

Street Number	Day
Odd numbered	Saturday and Tuesday 4pm-4.30pm
Even or un-numbered	Sunday and Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm

Remember – No hosing of paved surfaces including patios, courtyards, verandas, footpaths or driveways.

Residents can also wash down their homes and clean windows using a bucket filled directly from a tap for specific circumstances, but can only use a hose fitted with a trigger or twist nozzle, or a high pressure cleaning unit on specific days.

Activity	Water Use Under Target 200	
Prepare the home for pre-painting activities	When necessary	Saturday & Tuesday 4pm-4:30pm (odd numbered)
Meet requirements of a tenancy or lease at the expiry or termination of the tenancy or lease		Sunday & Wednesday 4pm-4:30pm (even or un-numbered)
Clean windows (but not the house)		
Carry out general maintenance (but not the roof) or Carry out pre-sale preparation activities	No more than once a year	A hand held hose fitted with a trigger or twist nozzle or a high pressure water cleaning unit AND only one method at any one time
Carry out general roof maintenance	No more than once every three years	A bucket filled directly from a tap can be used at anytime.

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## Animal and pet care

Residents can clean their pet enclosures with a high pressure cleaning unit at any time and pets can be washed with a hand held hose fitted with a trigger or twist nozzle at any time. Other conditions apply for commercial animal husbandry activities.

Remember – Water Efficient Guidelines apply to commercial operations such as dog washers and groomers. See Mobile Commercial Operator Guidelines for more information.

## Fish ponds, frog ponds and outdoor aquariums

You can only top up these features with a bucket filled directly from a tap.

## High volume water users

If your household uses more than 1000 litres per day then you may be using too much water. Your Water Service Provider will let you know if you are using too much and provide you with some water saving tips. If you continue to use water excessively with no valid reason, an outdoor water ban maybe imposed.

Further information can be found under the Residential Excessive Water Users Compliance Program.

## Medium Level Restrictions

Medium Level Restrictions apply to the use of town water. They do not apply to the use of alternate water sources such as rainwater, bores and grey water.

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