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Stage 4 Water Restriction Level



This aims to provide a summary of restriction stage 4 — for full details see **By-Law No. 10 Water Restrictions**, which can be downloaded from the website.

During this period of restriction, water supplied by Coliban Water from a water main (other than used water) shall be used in accordance with the following:

Gardens and lawns (public and private) and Commercial Accommodation	All outside watering is banned - No watering at any time, by any means.
Vehicles (including motor vehicle dealers)	A vehicle may only be washed for health and safety reasons, in which case the windows, mirrors and lights must be washed and rinsed by means of a bucket filled directly from the tap (not by hose). Only commercial car washes which use water from a source other than the Coliban Water reticulated water system may operate.
Paving, concrete and other hard surfaces	Water must not be used to clean hard surfaces except for health or safety reasons, and only when dirt and debris cannot be removed without water, and only then by means of a bucket or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger mechanism. This includes houses, walls, sheds etc.
Swimming pools and spas (residential and commercial)	All previous exemptions are void. For further information, contact Coliban Water.
Garden ponds	Must not be filled from empty. Top up with written permission of Coliban Water only.
Fountains	Fountains must not operate.
Construction	Use a trigger hose only in the construction or repair of any building or works.
Mobile Water Tankers	Fill anytime for firefighting, construction, in-house use, stock watering or public health reasons. A tanker permit from Coliban Water is required.
Dams and tanks	Dams, tanks or like containers must not be filled or have their water added to or replaced, unless the water is to be used for in-house domestic, stock, firefighting purposes, or with written permission of Coliban Water.
Poultry Sheds	Must not be cooled using sprinklers, unless shed temperature reaches 30 degrees, and then only between 6am - 9pm. Fogging systems may be used anytime.

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Dust Suppression	Water must not be used to suppress dust, unless dust is causing a health or environmental hazard; and then only by means of either a hand-held hose, fitted with a trigger nozzle or by a watering can, filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap.
Sports grounds	Watering banned on all surfaces.
Plant Nurseries and Market Gardens	Sprinklers can only be used to water plant nurseries and market gardens where written permission has been obtained from Coliban Water. Water using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger mechanism, or bucket anytime.

A frequently asked question during Stage 4 water restrictions has been:

Can I use water from my rainwater tank?

Yes is the answer. The Stage 4 water restrictions restrict the use of water from your town's supply system. The water restrictions have no impact on the use of grey water, rainwater or bore water.

Useful websites for complying with regulations and guidelines for using grey water and installing rainwater tanks:

Plumbing Industry Commission > www.pic.vic.gov.au

Environment Protection Authority > www.epa.vic.gov.au

Green Plumbers > www.greenplumbers.com.au

City of Greater Bendigo > www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

Macedon Ranges Shire > www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Mount Alexander Shire > www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au

Shire of Campaspe > www.campaspe.vic.gov.au

Shire of Loddon > www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Gannawarra Shire > www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au