

Water Conservation Policy – including the Gardening Water Restrictions

WATER CONSERVATION - GARDEN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

In the interests of conservation and responsible management Council will use measures to manage the water supply; measures will include the imposition of water restrictions in accordance with the Upper Hutt City Council Water Supply Bylaw 2008.

A single garden watering system or sprinkler or soaker hose or an unattended hose may be used at each premise in the morning between 6am and 8am, and in the evening between 7pm and 9pm. Premises with odd numbers can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Premises with even numbers can water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

In accordance with the water restriction triggers agreed with Greater Wellington Regional Council, Council will also impose the water restrictions below, if not already imposed, in the following circumstances:

- a. The use of all garden sprinklers and irrigation systems be banned in the event of any one of the following events occurring:
 - i. The Wainuiomata water treatment plant being shut down due to lack of source water to treat.
 - ii. The rolling 24 hour mean level in the Hutt aquifer falling below 2.5 metres for more than 48 hours consecutively.
 - iii. Usable storage in the Stewart Macaskill Lakes (Te Marua) falling below 50% of maximum capacity.
- b. All domestic outdoor water use be banned should any two of the following conditions occur concurrently:
 - i. The Wainuiomata water treatment plant being shut down due to lack of source water to treat.
 - ii. The rolling 24 hour mean level in the Hutt aquifer falling below 2.5 metres for more than 48 hours consecutively.
 - iii. Usable storage in the Stewart Macaskill Lakes (Te Marua) falling below 50% of maximum capacity.

WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

THAT Council use its best endeavours to minimise the Unaccounted for Water (UFW).

THAT education and advertising programmes be established with the objective of reducing the average annual consumption per dwelling to 195m³ pa.

THAT Council confirms the policy of installing and maintaining a meter at the consumers cost on all commercial, industrial, non rateable and rural properties serviced.

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THAT the policy of replacing extraordinary supply meters up to and including 50mm diameter every 10 years be adopted, with meters larger than 50mm diameter to be checked for accuracy every 3 years with maintenance work or replacement of the meter carried out whenever meters have errors of more than 3.9% at the minimum flow period, all at the cost of the consumer as owner of the meter.

THAT the existing practice of replacing inappropriate water meters when they are identified at the cost of the consumer be confirmed.

THAT minimum night flow surveys are carried out whenever monitoring of area meters and reservoir outlet meters indicates a need.

THAT all applications for L.I.M's (Land Information Memoranda) and P.I.M's (Project Information Memoranda) be advised that Council prefers the installation of dual flush toilets, reduced flow shower roses, water efficient appliances and hot water systems designed to minimise water consumption.

THAT the policy of advertising and enforcing the hosing regulations and water supply bylaws be continued.

THAT the present practice of requiring all new subdivisional areas of significance to install bulk meters, be continued.
