



RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL WATER USAGE POLICY

POLICY NUMBER:	040
INFOPERT REF:	71873
TIME PERIOD OF REVIEW:	1 Year
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	July 2025

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 1 water restrictions as of 25 July 2024.

Sprinklers and fixed irrigation systems can only be used from the hours of **4:00pm to 9:00am** Monday to Sunday.

No sprinklers, fixed irrigation systems and unattended hoses can be used from the hours of **9:00am to 4:00pm** 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 July (for the previous financial year) period January to June prior). Any excess water will be charged at a rate per kilolitre. 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 16 July 2024
Resolution Number: 20240716.16

Policy Authorised: Peter Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

Table of water access and consumption charges

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DAILY ALLOWANCE (LITRES)</u>	<u>ACCESS CHARGES (\$)</u>	<u>YEARLY ALLOWANCE (KI)</u>
Vacant Land	1,000	773	366,000
Residential less than 1 hectare	4,110	1,055	1,500,000
Residential greater than 1 but less than 1.5 hectares	5,479	1,407	2,000,000
Residential greater than 1.5 but less than 2 hectares	7,123	1,829	2,600,000
Residential greater than 2 hectares	8,219	2,111	3,000,000
Business Premises	1,000	773	366,000
Bowling Club	8,625	2,221	3,156,750
Fuel Depot	9,375	2,414	3,431,250
Sports Field	11,250	2,897	4,117,500
Racecourse	13,500	3,476	4,941,000
Fire Station	15,000	3,863	5,490,000
Railway Camp	24,750	6,374	9,058,500
Railway Station	61,875	15,933	22,646,250
Churches and Charities	2,250	580	823,500
Service Stations	6,000	1,545	2,196,000
Railway Single Men's Quarters	8,250	2,125	3,019,500
Slaughter Yards	8,625	2,221	3,156,750
Government Office	11,250	2,897	4,117,500
Swimming Pool	11,250	2,897	4,117,500
Motel	16,875	4,346	6,176,250
Hotel	16,875	4,346	6,176,250
Preschool	18,750	4,829	6,862,500
Motel Service Station	21,000	5,408	7,686,000
Hotel-Motel	24,375	6,277	8,921,250
Jail	3,750	966	1,372,500
Museum	6,750	1,739	2,470,500
Cemetery	6,750	1,739	2,470,500
Golf Club	8,625	2,221	3,156,750
Airports	10,875	2,801	3,980,250
Parks	11,250	2,897	4,117,500
Police Station	11,250	2,897	4,117,500
Court House	18,750	4,829	6,862,500
Hospital	61,875	15,933	22,646,250
School	67,500	17,381	24,705,000