

## **NSW WATER LEVEL 2 RESTRICTIONS COMMENCING DECEMBER, 2019**

Level two water restrictions which will apply to residents living in the Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra Regions will be enforced from 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. This has been triggered by the expectation that dam levels around Sydney and Illawarra will drop to 45 percent in the coming weeks.

### **What does this mean for residents?**

#### **YOU CAN:**

- ✓ Use a watering can or bucket to water your garden however only before 10 am and after 4 pm.
- ✓ Use drip irrigation or smart watering systems for a maximum of 15 mins a day before 10 am and after 4 pm. Note “smart” watering systems must include automated weather adjustment, a rain sensor or soil moisture sensor.
- ✓ Top up an existing pool or spa, using a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, watering can or bucket for a maximum of 15 minutes per day. You can only do this to replace water lost through evaporation, not to replace water deliberately removed from the pool or spa.
- ✓ Wash vehicles with a bucket and sponge only.

#### **YOU CANNOT:**

- ✗ Use a standard sprinkler, soaker hose, weeping hose, mist sprayer, tap timer or watering system at any time, unless it’s connected to a smart watering system
- ✗ Allow water to run off on to hard surfaces, such as paths or roadways
- ✗ Put the sprinklers on for children to play under.

*For breaches of restrictions, fines will apply - \$220 for residential and \$550 for businesses.*

**Note:** Water from sources such as rainwater tanks is exempt. As we expect these restrictions may be in place for some time, Owner's Corporation with gardens they wish to continue to water and maintain can contact our office so we can explore options to install rainwater collection tanks on the common property.

For more information go to:

- <https://lovewater.sydney/restrictions>
- <https://www.sydneywater.com.au/SW/water-the-environment/what-we-re-doing/water-restrictions/level-2-water-restrictions/index.htm>