



Media Release

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LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED FOR TENTERFIELD

Tenterfield Shire Council has resolved at its Ordinary Meeting on 22 April 2026 to introduce Level 1 Water Restrictions for the Tenterfield water supply area, following a sustained period of limited rainfall, high water usage and declining dam water levels.

While dam levels remain stable at present (currently at 75%), Council has determined that early, measured action is necessary to manage the town's water supply responsibly. The decision reflects current environmental conditions and the importance of maintaining water conservation practices across the community.

Level 1 Water Restrictions are now in effect and apply to all properties connected to the Tenterfield Dam water supply.

Level 1 Water Restrictions impose the following limits:

Residential Properties

- Fixed hoses, sprinklers and micro-spray and drip irrigation systems may be used for up to 15 minutes per day between 4:00pm and 9:00am
- Handheld hoses may be used for a maximum of 1 hour per day between 4:00pm and 9:00am
- Filling of swimming pools and spas is permitted (no unattended hoses)
- Washing of hard surfaces with handheld hose is not permitted at any time
- No restrictions to car washing (no unattended hoses permitted)

Public and Commercial Use

- As per residential restrictions, with the exception of sprinkler use for public gardens, sports grounds, community facilities and nurseries. This is limited to 2 hours per day for essential businesses or where business hours dictate water use (e.g. schools)
- No restrictions apply to washing vehicles, stock watering, or water used for construction and essential commercial activities, however no unattended hoses are permitted.

Council encourages all residents and businesses to use water efficiently and continue the strong conservation efforts demonstrated in recent years.

Further information on water restrictions is available on Council's website or by contacting Council directly.

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