

6 October 2023

Level 1 Water Restrictions Introduced – Baradine

With the ongoing dry conditions and dropping water supplies level 1 water restrictions have been put in place from 6 November 2023 for Baradine.

“The introduction to level 1 water restrictions is in response to the ongoing dry conditions and the increased demand being placed on the Baradine water treatment plant,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “The Baradine water treatment plant is an aged one and currently we are working on a replacement but until that happens we need to take care of the existing plant. The new plant will not be completed for a number of years yet.”

“Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Mendooran and Merrygoen are already on Level 1 water restrictions, now Baradine will join them.”

“This decision has not been taken lightly,” said Cr Doolan. “Council is keen to make timely decisions in relation to water restriction levels as we seek to preserve precious water supplies.”

On level 1 water restrictions, residents are asked that watering systems, non-fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, are only used between 6:00pm till 9:00am daily. Washing of cars is permitted with buckets only and rinsed with trigger hose only, on lawn at any time.

Residents in all towns across the Warrumbungle Shire are encouraged to limit their water usage and preserve water wherever possible.

“It is important for our communities to conserve water where possible, and compliance to these water restrictions in Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Mendooran and Merrygoen is really important,” Cr Doolan concluded.

For more information on the individual water restriction levels please refer to the Council notices or visit [Council's webpage](#).

Level 1 Water Restrictions

The following updated restrictions on the use of town water in Baradine are now in place. These restrictions will be in place until further notice. This notice is given in accordance with *Regulation 137 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Your cooperation in complying with these restrictions is appreciated. Failure to comply may result in restrictions or disconnection of services.

Effective Date: 6 November 2023

Type of Consumer & Activity	Restriction
Domestic – target water consumption of 260 litres per person, per day	
Watering of lawns and residential gardens <i>Note: Subject to varying Summer and Winter times</i>	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, permitted between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer: 6pm – 9am • Winter: 6am – 10am and 4pm – 10pm
Filling or topping up of garden water features	Permitted
First fill or topping up of private swimming pools or spas	Permitted
Inflatable or temporary children's pools	Permitted
New turf irrigation	Permitted for one week after laying after which Level 1 restrictions on watering lawns applies.
Washing down walls or paved surfaces	Not permitted
Washing cars at home	Permitted with bucket and rinse with trigger hose only, on lawn at any time.
Baths and showers	Permitted
Washing of clothes	Permitted
Evaporative air conditioners	Permitted