

CAPE TOWN WATER RESTRICTIONS COMPARISON

General							
	Level 6B	Level 6	Level 5 (Amended)	Level 4B	Level 4	Level 3B	Level 3
Latest Implementation Date	February 2018	January 2018	October 2018	July 2017	June 2017	February 2017	November 2016
Months From/To Peak July Rain Month	7 months/ 5 months	6 months/6 months	3 months/ 9 months	0 months/12 months	11 months/ 1 month	7 months/ 5 months	4 month/8 months
Western Cape Dam levels	25%	30%	75%	25%	21%	40%	56%
Litres per person per day	50 litres	87 litres	70 litres	87 litres	100 litres	None	None
City water usage target per day	450 million litres	500 million litres	500 million litres	500 million litres	None	None	None
Watering/irrigation of gardens , lawns, flower beds, sport fields, parks and other open spaced with municipal drinking water	No	No	No	No	No	Only if using a bucket or watering can. No use of hosepipes or automatic sprinkler systems is allowed	Only if using a bucket or watering can. No use of hosepipes or automatic sprinkler systems is allowed
Timing of watering/irrigation with municipal drinking water	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Watering/irrigation is allowed only on Tuesdays and Saturdays before 09:00 or after 18:00 for a maximum of one hour per day per property. No watering/irrigation is allowed within 48 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation.	Watering times are not restricted, however, residents are urged to limit their watering to the mornings and evenings. No watering/irrigation is allowed within 24 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation.
Hosing down of paved surfaces with municipal drinking water.	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Water Features use municipal drinking water	No	No	No	No	No	Strongly discouraged	Only by recycling the water or if using non-potable water.

Residential

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Single residential property monthly municipal water limit	6,000l	10,500l	8,500l (Calculated)	10,500l (Calculated)	12,000l (Calculated)	N/A	N/A
Washing of vehicles, trailers, caravans or boats with municipal drinking water.	No (These must be washed with non-drinking water or waterless products.)	No (These must be washed with non-drinking water or waterless products.)	No (These must be washed with non-drinking water or waterless products.)	No	No	No (Vehicles and boats must be washed with non-drinking water or washed at a commercial carwash.)	Only is allowed if using a bucket.
Filling/topping up of private swimming pools with municipal drinking water	No (Even if fitted with pool cover. This includes the filling of new pools or the refilling of an existing pool after a repair.)	No (Even if fitted with pool cover. This includes the filling of new pools or the refilling of an existing pool after a repair.)	No (Even if fitted with pool cover. This includes the filling of new pools or the refilling of an existing pool after a repair.)	No (Even if fitted with pool cover)	No (Even if fitted with pool cover)	Yes (Manual topping up of swimming pools allowed only if fitted with a pool cover. No automatic top-up systems are allowed)	Yes (Manual topping up of swimming pools allowed only if fitted with a pool cover. No automatic top-up systems are allowed)
Portable play pools allowed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Pool Cover	All private swimming pools must be fitted with a cover.	All private swimming pools must be fitted with a cover.	All private swimming pools must be fitted with a cover.	All private swimming pools must be fitted with a cover.	Use of pool covers is strongly encouraged.	Use of pool covers is strongly encouraged.	Use of pool covers is strongly encouraged.
Excessive water usage fines and WMD	Excessive water users will be fined or have water management devices (WMD) fitted. Spot fines of up to R5 000 may be issued by the City of Cape Town. Repeat offenders can be summonsed to appear in court and on conviction may be liable for a fine of up to R10 000, or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.						

