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Stage 1 water restrictions for Orford and Triabunna

Orford and Triabunna will be placed on Stage 1 water restrictions from today, Wednesday, 11 April 2018 until Thursday, 31 May 2018.

Stage 1 restrictions are aimed at reducing non-essential water use by approximately 20 per cent by encouraging more conscious water usage at home and work.

Residents and businesses in the Orford and Triabunna area are currently supplied with water drawn from the Prosser River and Brady's and MacLaines Creeks with water stored in several dams located on each of the streams.

TasWater's Manager of Asset Strategy, David Graham, says the decision to place the community under Stage 1 restrictions is based on several factors, including above average demand for water over the summer period, and decreased rainfall which has translated to low storage levels within the dams across the catchment.

"Rainfall expected over the Easter period failed to eventuate to the extent predicted and the Bureau of Meteorology estimates higher temperatures resulting in increased water demand as well as higher than usual evaporation rates to continue through to June, compounding existing storage levels."

"While increased demand was placed on the Triabunna/Orford water system during January by the unexpected use of water for fish processing, this had limited impact on overall storage levels and no impact on today's decision to introduce water restrictions."

TasWater representatives will be visiting Orford and Triabunna on Saturday 14 April to meet customers and answer any questions they might have about water restrictions. They will be at Orford's Gateway Café from 10am until 12 noon, and then at Triabunna's IGA Supermarket from 1-3pm.

"TasWater is continuously assessing water supplies across the state on a regular basis to ensure supplies continue to meet demand", said Mr Graham.

Notices informing the public about the restrictions have been placed in newspapers covering Orford and Triabunna, and on TasWater's website.

Additional water saving tips and videos are also available as part of TasWater's state wide water conservation campaign at www.saveeachdrop.com.au.



What do Stage 1 water restrictions mean?

Stage 1 restrictions are intended to enforce sensible water use and prevent inefficient water practices by reducing non-essential use of water by approximately 20 per cent.

Residential, public and commercial gardens and lawns

Garden and lawn watering is allowed on any day during the following times:

- Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00am, and between the hours of 8:00pm and 10:00pm
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4:00am
- Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Sporting grounds

Watering of sports grounds is allowed on any day during the following times:

- Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00am, and between the hours of 8:00pm and 10:00pm
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4:00am
- Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Paving, concrete and other hard surfaces

Hosing is banned except for construction or health and safety purposes, or in an emergency.

Vehicles

A bucket, high pressure cleaning device or commercial car wash can be used at any time for vehicle washing. A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used for rinsing at home.

Residential or commercial pools or spas

To fill or top up a new or existing pool or spa with a capacity of 2,000 litres or less, a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or bucket can be used.

Pools and spas of greater than 2,000 litres capacity may only be filled with prior written approval from TasWater.