

What you can and can't do during a Temporary Use Ban

Water a garden using a hosepipe

A garden is not:

- agricultural land,
- land used in the course of a business for growing any crops, fruits, vegetables or other plants for sale or commercial use;
- land used for National Plant Collection;
- a temporary garden or flower display (i.e. on show to the public for no more than 7 days); or
- Plants in an outdoor pot or in the ground under cover (under cover being in a greenhouse, outbuilding or under a permanent canopy).

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to water your garden if:

- using a hosepipe to water an area of grass or outdoor artificial surfaces used for sport or recreation (on the active strip/ playing area – not the whole grounds) when undertaken outside of daily peak hours that occur 8am to 10am and 5pm to 9pm.
- drip or trickle irrigation watering systems, fitted with a pressure reducing valve and a timer, that are not handheld, that place water drip by drip directly onto the soil surface or beneath the soil surface, without any surface run off or dispersion of water through the air using a jet or mist; a fixed watering system; use of watering cans and not hoses
- watering of new lawns for first 28 days after being laid and when undertaken outside of daily peak hours that occur 8am to 10am and 5pm to 9pm.

Clean a private motor-vehicle (or a trailer for such a vehicle) using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe for cleaning a private car, van, trailer or any other motor vehicle.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to clean a motor-vehicle if:

- the cleaning is done as a service to customers in the course of a business or to clean public service or goods vehicles
- Private motor vehicle does not mean taxis or goods vehicles or commercial vehicles

Water plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to water plants in your home or garden, or any other non-commercial premises.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to water plants if:

- you are watering plants (crops, vegetables or fruit) that are grown or kept for sale or commercial use, National Plant Collections or temporary garden or flower displays;
- you are using drip or trickle irrigation watering systems, fitted with a pressure reducing valve and a timer, that are not handheld, that place water drip by drip directly onto the soil surface or beneath the soil surface, without any surface run off or dispersion of water through the air using a jet or mist; a fixed watering system; use of watering cans and not hoses

Clean a private leisure boat using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to clean a private leisure boat.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to clean a private boat if:

- this is done as a service to customers in the course of a business or to clean public service or goods vehicles
- this will not apply to the inside of your boat.

Fill or maintain a domestic swimming or paddling pool

You must not use a hosepipe to maintain or fill a domestic swimming or paddling pool.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to fill or maintain a swimming or paddling pool if:

- you do this with a water conservation recycling system or hand held container
- you are filling or maintaining a permanent swimming pool where necessary in the course of its construction or where it is designed, constructed or adapted for use in the course of medical treatment

Draw water, using a hosepipe, for domestic recreational use

You must not use a hosepipe to draw water for domestic recreational use.

There are no exemptions.

Fill or maintain a domestic pond (manmade or natural) using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to fill or maintain a domestic pond.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to fill or maintain a pond if:

- it is for the welfare of the fish or aquatic animals in the pond

Fill or maintain an ornamental fountain (including a cascade or any other display of moving water, and includes filling by permanent plumbing)

You must not use a hosepipe to fill or maintain a water fountain.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to fill or maintain a water fountain if:

- it is used as part of recognised religious practices

Clean walls, or windows, of domestic premises using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to clean walls or windows of a domestic property.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to clean walls or windows of a domestic property if:

- this is done as a service to customers in the course of a business or to clean public service or goods vehicles

Clean paths or patios using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to clean paths or patios.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to clean paths or patios if:

- this is done as a service to customers in the course of a business or to clean public service or goods vehicles

Clean other artificial outdoor surfaces using a hosepipe

You must not use a hosepipe to clean artificial outdoor surfaces.

Exemptions - you may use a hosepipe to clean artificial outdoor surfaces if:

- this is done as a service to customers in the course of a business or to clean public service or goods vehicles