



What does my business have to do?

Water use	Submit and comply with a Water Efficient Management Plan	Retrofit fittings and equipment	Comply with guidelines
Premises using 10 megalitres or more	✓	✓	✓
Premises using between 1 megalitre and 10 megalitres per year	✗	✓	✓
Small business and commercial operators using less than 1 megalitre per year	✗	✓	✓
Premises irrigating an area more than 500m ²	✓ For irrigation only	✗	✓

Large volume users – 10 megalitres (ML) a year or more

In premises using more than 10 ML a year the water user must:

- operate in strict accordance with an approved Water Efficiency Management Plan (WEMP)
- achieve a 25 per cent reduction or best practice in water use
- install sub-meters and monitor processes and equipment using significant amounts of water
- provide annual performance reports to water service providers.

Significant fines may be imposed for non-compliance with an approved WEMP.

Cooling towers

Premises with an open recirculating cooling system that is used to extract heat from a process or equipment, must:

- operate in strict accordance with an approved WEMP
- install a sub-meter and record water usage processes using significant amounts of water
- provide annual performance reports to water service providers.

Kitchens, bathrooms and laundries

Premises using 1ML or more a year must:

- have water efficient internal fittings installed (including taps, showerheads and trigger sprays)

These premises will be subject to compliance audits by water service providers.

Small business – commercial washing

All small business operators and commercial premises engaged in washing vehicles, animals, pets, materials, equipment and/ or external buildings are required to:

- be registered
- be trained

- conduct their business activities in accordance with relevant water efficiency guidelines.

Irrigation areas

All businesses intending to irrigate an area that exceeds 500m² must develop an irrigation WEMP.

Urinals

All premises must have water efficient urinal systems.

Accommodation providers

Operators must display water conservation information to guests. Information must be clearly displayed in every bathroom within an accommodation unit on the premises and in every shared bathing facility or ablution block on the premises. The information can be downloaded from www.qwc.qld.gov.au

Gardens

Businesses can water their gardens with efficient sprinklers*, irrigation systems* and hoses, but not between 10am - 4pm or on Mondays.

Buckets and watering cans can be used at any time.

* The QWC's Efficient Irrigation Guideline provides information on how to comply with this restriction.

Applies to the use of town water only. Refer to Permanent Water Conservation Measures at www.qwc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 789 906.

Permanent Water Conservation Measures apply in Brisbane City, Gold Coast City, Ipswich City, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Logan City, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council and Redland City Council.