

WATER RESTRICTIONS – MOLE CREEK & BRIDPORT

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that Stage 1 Water Restrictions were now in place in Mole Creek.

“Ben Lomond Water is working with the community of Mole Creek to address water supply issues,” Mr Cash said.

“The water supply into town is being impacted by increased usage and reduced supply and is leading to supply issues in high level and outlying areas.

“These restrictions are a water conservation measure aimed at reducing non-essential use of water by 10 to 20% and we are asking affected customers to conserve water and show consideration to other users.”

Stage 1 restrictions also remain in place in Bridport.

“This is the first summer where Ben Lomond Water has been the operator of the Bridport water supply and like the rest of our water and sewerage schemes, we are still gathering knowledge on the balance between capacity and demand.

“Like many coastal holiday towns the population swells during the summer and this results in a significant increase in demand.

“Historically Dorset Council imposed low level restrictions to ensure this increased demand was managed,” Mr Cash said.

STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS –

Watering Gardens & Lawns

- Manual watering systems between 6-8am & 8-10pm.
- Automatic watering systems between midnight-4am.
- Hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle, bucket or watering can at any time.

Washing your Vehicle

- Only use a bucket, watering can, high pressure cleaning unit or commercial car wash.
- Use a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle for pre-rinsing and rinsing only.

Cleaning Paved Areas

- Banned, unless required for health and safety reasons.

Pools, Spas and Water Features

- New and existing pools, spas & water features of 2,000 litres or less may be filled with a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle, watering can or bucket.
- Filling a new or existing pools, spas & water features above 2,000 litres needs approval from Ben Lomond Water.

Sports Grounds, Public Parks & Gardens

- Sprinklers banned between 8am and 10pm.

Commercial Gardens, Nurseries, Bowling Greens etc

- Sprinklers restricted to 4 hours per day, between 8am and 10pm

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