

Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Water use: temporary bans

(1) A water undertaker may prohibit one or more specified uses of water supplied by it if it thinks that it is experiencing, or may experience, a serious shortage of water for distribution.

(2) Only the following uses of water may be prohibited—

- (a) watering a garden using a hosepipe;
- (b) cleaning a private motor-vehicle using a hosepipe;
- (c) watering plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe;
- (d) cleaning a private leisure boat using a hosepipe;
- (e) filling or maintaining a domestic swimming or paddling pool;
- (f) drawing water, using a hosepipe, for domestic recreational use;
- (g) filling or maintaining a domestic pond using a hosepipe;
- (h) filling or maintaining an ornamental fountain;
- (i) cleaning walls, or windows, of domestic premises using a hosepipe;
- (j) cleaning paths or patios using a hosepipe;
- (k) cleaning other artificial outdoor surfaces using a hosepipe.

(3) The Minister may by order—

- (a) add a non-domestic purpose to the list in subsection (2);
- (b) remove a purpose from the list in subsection (2).

(4) A prohibition must specify—

- (a) the date from which it applies, and
- (b) the area to which it applies (which may be all or part of the undertaker's area).

(5) A person who contravenes a prohibition—

- (a) is guilty of an offence, and
- (b) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000).

(6) A water undertaker which issues a prohibition must make arrangements for a reasonable reduction of charges which are made in respect of prohibited uses (including arrangements for repayment or credit where charges are paid in advance).

(7) A water undertaker may vary or revoke a prohibition.

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