

Hosepipe ban

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A hosepipe ban is in place across Northern Ireland. During the ban you should limit the use of tap water to the essentials, like drinking, cooking and washing.

Activities not allowed

During the hosepipe ban, you are not allowed to:

- water a garden using a hosepipe
- water outdoor plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe
- draw water using a hosepipe for domestic, recreational use
- fill or maintain a domestic swimming or paddling pool using a hosepipe
- fill or maintain a domestic pond using a hosepipe
- clean a private leisure boat using a hosepipe
- clean a private motor vehicle using a hosepipe
- clean walls or windows of domestic premises using a hosepipe
- clean paths or patios of domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe

Water saving tips

To help save water:

- take shorter showers
- take a shower instead of a bath
- turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- avoid watering lawns – even when they look dry and brown, they'll spring back with the first heavy rain
- make sure your washing machine is full – don't put on a half load
- turn off the tap while washing your hands or shaving
- fix leaking taps
- keep a jug of water in the fridge so there's no need to run the water until it gets cold
- use a bowl for washing vegetables
- fill the kettle with only as much water as you need

If you experience water problems

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