

# SUTTON AND EAST SURREY WATER PLC

## PROHIBITION ON USE OF WATER – PHASE 2

### Water Industry Act 1991 - Sections 76 & 76a Water Use (Temporary Bans) Order 2010

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, with effect from 0800hrs on Thursday 5 April 2012 until further notice, the use of any water supplied by Sutton and East Surrey Water plc (whether by meter or not) is prohibited in the area described in part 1 of this Notice when it is used as described in part 2, but subject to the exceptions described in part 3.

Any person who contravenes a prohibition in this Notice is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine.

#### **Part 1: Area in which the use of water is prohibited**

The whole of the company's area of supply.

#### **Part 2: Prohibited uses**

Using a hosepipe, including using sprinklers, dripper hoses, automatic irrigation systems and similar devices, for the following purposes:

- the watering of gardens;
- cleaning a private motor-vehicle;
- watering plants in outdoor pots or in the ground under cover on domestic or other non-commercial premises;
- cleaning a private leisure boat using a hosepipe;
- drawing water for domestic recreational use;
- filling or maintaining a domestic pond;
- cleaning the external walls or windows of domestic premises;
- cleaning paths or patios;
- cleaning other artificial outdoor surfaces.

Using any means of drawing water, except a handheld container filled from a tap, for the following purposes:

- filling or maintaining a domestic swimming or paddling pool;
- filling or maintaining an ornamental fountain.

#### **Part 3: Exceptions from this Notice**

The following gardens are excepted from the prohibition in this Notice:

- Gardens open to the public;
- An area of grass used for sport or recreation.

The following class of user is excepted from the prohibition in relation to cleaning private motor-vehicles:

- Users who clean private motor vehicles for remuneration in the course of a trade or business.

The following class of user is excepted from the prohibition in relation to cleaning walls, or windows, of domestic premises:

- Users who clean walls or windows of domestic premises for remuneration in the course of a trade or business.

The following classes of user are excepted from the prohibition in this Notice:

- Any person who is over the statutory retirement age or is registered disabled and who has submitted to the company a letter from a general practitioner demonstrating a need to use a

hosepipe for the prohibited purposes or to fill or maintain a domestic swimming or paddling pool or ornamental fountain.

Any person wishing to make representations about this Notice must do so in writing to me at the address below or by email to [representations@waterplc.com](mailto:representations@waterplc.com) and must ensure that it is received by Sutton and East Surrey Water plc no later than 0800hrs on Thursday 29 March 2012.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(This note is not part of the Notice)**

*By virtue of the Water Use (Temporary Bans) Order 2010:*

*"Using a hosepipe" includes:*

- *Drawing water supplied by the company from a container through a hosepipe; and*
- *Filling a container by means of a hosepipe with water supplied by the company.*

*A "garden" includes:*

- *a park*
- *a lawn;*
- *a grass verge;*
- *an allotment garden, as defined in section 22(1) of the Allotments Act 1922;*
- *any area of an allotment used for non-commercial purposes;*
- *any other green space.*

*Further definitions may be found in the Order, which is available at:*

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2010/2231/contents/made>

*The purpose of this Notice is to implement the Phase 2 demand restrictions as set out in the company's Drought Plan.*

*It imposes a ban on the use of hosepipes, whether handheld or not, for watering all types of garden (with the exception of gardens open to the public and grass used for sport or recreation) and for a range of other purposes.*

*It excludes the commercial cleaning of private vehicles and the commercial cleaning of domestic walls and windows.*

*The company's area of supply comprises all or part of the following local authority areas:*

<b>London Borough Councils</b>	<b>Borough Councils</b>	<b>District Councils</b>
Croydon Merton Sutton	Crawley Elmbridge Guildford Reigate & Banstead	Epsom & Ewell Mid Sussex Mole Valley Sevenoaks Tandridge