

# Offences & penalties: water restrictions & PWSRs

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## Offences and penalties apply for breaches of water restrictions and Permanent Water Saving Rules.

If you do not comply with current water restrictions or Permanent Water Saving Rules, authorised Water Officers from Western Water can:

- give you an official warning
- issue an on-the-spot fine, called a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN), or
- seek to prosecute you in court for an offence.

Western Water may also restrict your water supply in accordance with provisions of the *Water Act 1989*.

The maximum penalties for individuals\* are outlined in the table below.

To find out what level of restrictions is in place, go to [WesternWater.com.au](http://WesternWater.com.au) or call us on 1300 650 422.



	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>PIN</b>	\$288	\$432	\$576	\$720
<b>First offence</b>	\$5,774 or 3 months' jail			
<b>Subsequent offence</b>	\$11,549 or 6 months' jail			
<b>Continuing offence **</b>	\$720 per day up to a total of \$2,887 or 6 months' jail			

The maximum penalties for failing to comply with Permanent Water Saving Rules, which apply at all times are:

<b>PIN</b>	\$144
<b>First offence</b>	\$1,444
<b>Subsequent offence</b>	\$2,887
<b>Continuing offence</b>	\$288 per day up to a total of \$2,887

Instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you for not complying with a prevailing stage of restrictions, Western Water may also prosecute you for taking or using water without Western Water's consent under section 289 of the *Water Act 1989*. The maximum penalties for an offence under that section are:

<b>First offence</b>	\$8,640 or 6 months' jail
<b>Subsequent offence</b>	\$17,323 or 12 months' jail
<b>Continuing offence</b>	\$720 per day up to a total of \$2,887

\* The maximum penalty for a company is five times the penalty for an individual for each penalty other than a PIN

\*\* The penalty for a continuing offence is in addition to the penalty for the initial offence.