

LYDD ALLOTMENTS – WATER USAGE

Castle Water – Provider of water for the allotments in Lydd

TUB – Temporary Use Ban

<https://www.castlewater.co.uk/news/hosepipe-bans-2025>

Wholesaler TUB updates – July 2025

Wholesalers are encouraging businesses with heavy water consumption to minimise usage during peak hours. For up-to-date information on TUBs in your region, check the following wholesaler updates below.

South East Water

TUB in force from Friday 18 July 2025

- **Area affected: Kent and Sussex**



Allotments primarily use water for irrigating crops, but it's also used for handwashing and, in some cases, filling water butts. Water is usually supplied through shared taps, and allotment rules often restrict hosepipe usage and discourage sprinklers. Water conservation methods like using watering cans, collecting rainwater, and mulching are encouraged to minimize waste.



Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Watering Crops:**

The main use of water on allotments is for irrigating crops, ensuring they receive enough moisture for growth.

- **Handwashing:**

Taps are often provided for handwashing, which is important for hygiene, especially after working with soil.

- **Water Butts:**

Many allotment holders collect rainwater in water butts to supplement the mains supply, reducing water consumption.

- **Restricted Hosepipe Use:**

Allotment rules often prohibit the use of hosepipes, especially during peak hours or in the middle of the day, to prevent water wastage through evaporation.

- **No Sprinklers:**

Sprinkler systems are generally banned due to their inefficiency and tendency to water weeds along with crops.

- **Watering Cans:**

Watering cans are the preferred method of watering, allowing for targeted watering of plants and reducing water wastage.

- **Watering During Cooler Times:**

Watering early or late in the day is recommended to minimize evaporation and maximize water absorption by plants.

- **Mulching:**

Applying mulch around plants helps retain soil moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering.

- **Rainwater Harvesting:**

Collecting rainwater in water butts or other containers is a great way to conserve water and provide plants with chemical-free water.

- **Reusing Greywater:**

Some allotment holders reuse greywater (e.g., from washing up or baths) for watering, but this should be done with caution and consideration for any potential contaminants.