

Alternative Washdown Solutions

Authorised water recycling systems for washdowns are exempt from the drought order bans. Two providers of these systems give their thoughts on the situation below..

Historically, we have always relied on our reservoirs being refilled during the winter. However, two unusually dry winters has left reservoirs, aquifers and rivers well below normal levels in many parts of the country.

The start of the drought was largely restricted to the south east of the country, which has been in the grip of the worst drought in 30 years since last year. This is now spreading across large swathes of the country, with rivers such as the Tern, Sow and Leaden at their lowest ever recorded levels and the river Lathkill in Derbyshire drying up, requiring an emergency rescue of the fish.

In an effort to preserve water supplies seven water companies covering south-east England and East Anglia implemented hosepipe bans commencing in early April and the Environment Agency are warning water use restrictions may need to be imposed as far north as Yorkshire if the prolonged dry weather continues.

Despite recent rain the drought has continued to spread with official drought zones being declared in a further 17 counties in mid April,

coupled with the warning from the Environment Agency that water shortages could now last until Christmas!

Environment Secretary, Caroline Spelman said "As more areas of the UK move into drought it is vital that we use less water to protect the public's water supply."

With the population of the UK now well past 60 million and heading towards 70 million pressure on water supplies is only going to continue to increase, whether it rains or not. Prudent use of water will be expected by everyone to try and avoid future shortages. The authorities are actively promoting a number of initiatives, including the use of recycled water wherever possible, to assist the efforts to avoid future water shortages.

Golf courses need to ensure they are environmentally responsible and yet many continue to 'waste' up to a million litres per course undertaking the (necessary) task of washing-off golf course maintenance equipment using mains water.

The Waste2Water Recycling Wash-Off System is the perfect answer for washing your equipment in Drought conditions:

- The Recycling Wash-Off System continually reuses the same water, reducing water usage by a massive 90%!

- Is fully authorised for use even during periods of a Drought Order.

With the anticipation that the hosepipe bans and official drought zones will be upgraded to full Drought Orders in the near future, now is the time to upgrade to a Waste2Water Recycling Wash-Off System. If imposed, a Drought Order will ban washing-off vehicles and equipment unless a Recycling Wash-Off System is used. Installing a Waste2Water system ensures you can continue with necessary equipment cleaning operations even during periods of drought.

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