

PROHIBITED HOURS OF USE

Chainsaws

Days	Prohibited hours of use
Monday to Friday	Before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	Before 9am and after 6pm
Sunday and statutory holidays	Before 10am and after 6pm

Lawn mowers and other power garden maintenance equipment

Days	Prohibited hours of use
Monday to Friday	Before 7am and after 8pm
Saturday	Before 9am and after 8pm
Sunday and statutory holidays	Before 10am and after 8pm

Mobile machinery, forklift truck or portable equipment

Days	Prohibited hours of use
Monday to Friday	Before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	Before 9am and after 6pm
Sunday and statutory holidays	Before 10am and after 6pm

Musical instruments or sound amplifying equipment

Days	Prohibited hours of use
Monday to Thursday	Before 7am and after 10pm
Friday	Before 7am and after 12 midnight
Saturday	Before 9am and after 12 midnight
Sunday and statutory holidays	Before 10am and after 10pm

Motor vehicles, motor vessels and outboard motors

Days	Prohibited hours of use
Monday to Friday	Before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	Before 9am and after 6pm
Sunday and statutory holidays	Before 10am and after 6pm

Noise nuisances

General information



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WHAT IS NOISE?

Noise is unwanted sound that can come from many different sources, such as loud music, passing traffic, mobile machinery, fixed equipment, construction sites and animals.

Existing laws allow for noisy activities to be undertaken at reasonable times.

TASMANIAN NOISE LAWS

The Act: *The Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) regulates noise pollution in Tasmania.

EMPCA specifies that making noise is an **environmental nuisance** if it **unreasonably** interferes with a person's enjoyment, having regard to:

- its volume, intensity or duration and
- the time, place and other circumstances in which the noise occurs and
- in the case of noise emitted from residential premises, whether it is, or is likely to be, audible in a **habitable room** in any other residential premises.

EMPCA is enforced by Latrobe Council's Environmental Health Officer.

If you make noise that is determined to be an **environmental nuisance** you can be fined.

The Regulations: *The Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Noise) Regulations 2016* are made under EMPCA and they specify how and when noisy equipment, machinery and vehicles can be operated.

The Regulations are enforced by Latrobe Council's environmental health officer and Tasmania Police.

If you breach the Regulations you can be fined.

SPECIFIC TYPES OF NOISE

The Noise Regulations detail how and when the following types of noise sources can be operated:

- aquatic and racing events
- equipment, including fixed equipment (heat pumps, air conditioners, compressor units, etc.)
- portable equipment (chainsaws, power tools, generators, etc.)
- mobile machinery (forklifts, cranes, excavators, etc.)
- musical instruments and amplifiers (drums, stereos)
- lawn mowers and other garden maintenance equipment.

A key element of the Regulations is the 'Prohibited Hours of Use' for the specific types of noise sources. (refer to table overleaf).

CHAINSAW USE

These noisy pieces of machinery are permitted to be used for gardening and domestic purposes for 1 (one) day in any 7 (seven) consecutive days. Time restrictions apply and, in some instances, distance restrictions also apply.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SITES

It is to be expected that noise will be generated from activities on any building site. Building and demolition work requires permits from Latrobe Council that can include noise control conditions.

LOUD MUSIC AND PARTIES

Loud music and parties occur mostly during evenings and weekends. These activities can often include loud talking, screaming, use of offensive language and so on. Any issues about loud noise/music or behavioural concerns from parties should be referred to Tasmania Police on 131 444.

FIXED EQUIPMENT

Equipment, such as heat pumps, air conditioners and compressors, can become noisy if they are poorly sited or when in need of service or maintenance. The Regulations specify decibel levels for certain times of the day for this type of fixed equipment.

ANIMALS

Noise from barking dogs is covered by the *Dog Control Act 2000*. If you have a complaint about a barking dog or the noise is from other animals, such as roosters, contact Council's Customer Service Desk on 6426 4444.

REPORT A NOISE COMPLAINT

Please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6426 4444.

