

Prohibited hours of the day for using equipment/apparatus

Portable Apparatus

(Power tools, Compressors, Pumps, Generators & Cement Mixers etc)

Mon—Fri	before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	before 9am and after 6pm
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 6pm

Lawn Mowers

Mon—Fri	before 7am and after 8pm
Saturday	before 9am and after 8pm
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 8pm

Chain Saws

(When within 300 metres from a house and **only** used for domestic garden maintenance only one day in any 7 consecutive days)

Mon—Fri	before 7am and after 8pm
Saturday	before 8am and after 8pm
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 6pm

Off Road Vehicles

Motor Bikes, Outboard motors & recreational vehicles (when more than 500m from a neighbouring house)

Mon—Fri	before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	before 9am and after 6pm
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 6pm

Mobile Machinery

Forklift trucks, industrial motor vehicles

Mon—Fri	before 7am and after 6pm
Saturday	before 8am and after 6pm
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 6pm

Musical instruments and sound amplifying equipment

(Must not create an Environmental Nuisance)

Mon-Thurs	before 7am and after 10pm
Friday	before 7am and after Midnight
Saturday	before 9am and after Midnight
Sunday & PH	before 10am and after 10pm

Fixed equipment from 7am to 10pm max 45dB (A)
from 10pm to 7am max 40 dB(A)

Fixed equipment includes; domestic heating equipment, for hot water, air conditioners, evaporative coolers, pumps, generators or wind turbines, that are fixed at the location where used;



DOMESTIC NOISE

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INTRODUCTION

Domestic Noise can be a significant source of annoyance to members of the community. The volume, intensity, duration and time of the day all influence the level of annoyance.

People also have varying sensitivities to noise. Those with hearing problems, the aged, children and the intellectually handicapped are usually more sensitive to excessive noise.

As well as loudness of noise, tonal, impulsive or modulated characteristics can make noise more, offensive. The level of background noise in an area will influence whether domestic noise is considered to be annoying. Obviously, noise levels during the day that cannot be heard clearly will usually be quite noticeable at a night when background noise levels are usually lower.

New Noise Regulations were introduced in August 2016 which are similar to previous regulations. Prohibited hours for noise sources may now be varied (made more of less stringent) by building and planning permits and environment protection notices.

A person must not operate equipment or machinery on a residential property or a site where building are being constructed during the prohibited hours if the noise can be heard in a habitable room of another house.

Noise generated from public health or safety activities or emergency situation is exempt from these regulations.



PREVENTING NOISE PROBLEMS

Many noise problems can be prevented by reducing the noise at the source. For example placing noise insulating material around a compressor or an air conditioning unit, regular servicing of equipment and installation that prevents vibration noise.

Consideration must be given to the location of noise emitting equipment in relation to other neighbours, for example a heat pump located directly opposite your neighbours bedroom is likely to create annoyance unless noise attenuation measures are taken.

Giving prior notice to neighbours that you are having a party and asking them to notify you if noise is excessive may help to maintain good relations with neighbours.



RESOLVING NOISE DISPUTES

Many domestic noise situations can be resolved by agreement between the parties concerned. Discussing your concerns with your neighbours may allow for the problem to be resolved in an amicable manner.

It is best not to confront a neighbour when you are angry as this will likely escalate a dispute and make it more difficult to resolve.

If you are approached by a neighbour regarding noise from your property please be respectful and endeavour to reach a compromise.

MAKING COMPLAINTS

Out of hours complaints that require immediate attention such as loud parties can be directed to the Tasmanian Police, otherwise enquiries should be referred to Council's Environmental Health Department, during normal office hours.

Formal noise complaints should be made to Council by calling 62690000 during office hours or completing an online request via our website at www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

If it becomes necessary to take legal action a complainant will need to be prepared to give evidence in court if required.

Please keep records of where, who, when and how often the noise is emitted. A noise log diary template is available on our website.

A detailed list of prohibited hours for construction, music noise, power tools, trail bikes, chainsaws and equipment is described in the following table (see back page) & security alarms must automatically turn off after 5 minutes of operation.

