

FACT SHEET

Waterwise Pool and Spa Cover Policy

October to November 2020



What is a Waterwise Pool and Spa Cover Policy?

In October 2020, the Town was endorsed and recognised as a Waterwise Council. The Town aims to enact and promote water conservation and management in all areas of the Town in response to the impacts of climate change.

An average swimming pool can lose as much as 55 litres of water through evaporation per day when a pool cover is not utilised. The enforcement of swimming pool and spa covers on Class 1 and Class 2 properties is a simple method to ensure the preservation of water in the Town.

In accordance with the National Construction Code the Town will now require all future outdoor private swimming pools associated with a Class 1 and Class 2 to have a pool/spa cover (definitions of a Class 1 and Class 2 properties available in the Policy).

Swimming pool blankets or covers must be designed to reduce water evaporation and must be accredited water efficient under the Smart Approved Watermark Scheme www.smartwatermark.org





How can I find out more?

The opportunity to participate in the consultation process is being promoted through:

- Newspaper (Fremantle Herald)
- Newsletter (emailed monthly + bulletin)
- Social Media (Facebook & Instagram)
- own website (<u>www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au</u>)

How can you get involved?

The Town invites interested parties to read the draft policy, which can be downloaded from Council's website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or be picked up from the Council office, and provide any feedback before the closing date of 20 November 2020.

Written comments to be addressed to PO Box 1097 Fremantle 6959 or emailed to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

