



# Protect your business

## Water scarcity in Scotland. Plan ahead

We advise all abstractors to be aware of the potential risk of water scarcity, and for businesses to plan ahead where possible.

- » Understand the risk of water scarcity in your area and to your business.
- » Always monitor your water usage and plan for managing it efficiently in a range of conditions, with equipment kept in good working order.
- » Work out the costs and benefits of abstraction and the value of water to your business. This will help you to plan investments in equipment and infrastructure.
- » Consider if there are more innovative ways of working that would improve your water use efficiency?

The number of extreme drought events is projected to increase from an average of

one every

**20 YEARS**



to one every

**2 YEARS**



## During dry periods

The summer months are a crucial time of year for water demand. Abstractors and irrigators are advised to manage water wisely to minimise the need for restrictions.

- » Check SEPA's website and regular water scarcity reports so you are aware of the water situation in your area.
- » Regularly check your abstraction equipment to make sure it's in good condition and fix any leaks straight away.
- » Where possible, reduce the volume and rate of your abstractions.
- » Have a contingency plan if suspensions are put in place:
  - Have you any stored water available?
  - Can you switch to an alternative source, if available within your current authorisation?
  - Can you temporarily switch to ground water?



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