



Noise from Residential Equipment

This guide outlines measures within Regulation 14 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* to control noise from tools and equipment used in residential homes. The purpose of this clause is to allow certain noisy equipment to be used, such as lawn mowers and power tools.

This regulation imposes certain requirements on the use of “specified equipment” such as lawn mowers or musical instruments in a residential setting. If the following conditions are not met, noise emissions must comply with ordinary Assigned levels under the Regulations.

Specified equipment must be used according to the following conditions:

1. The equipment is only to be used between the hours of:

Start	Finish	
7am	7pm	Monday - Saturday
9am	7pm	Sundays/Public Holidays

2. The equipment must not be used:

For more than TWO hours on any one day; OR

For a musical instrument, for more than ONE hour on any one day

3. The equipment must be used in a reasonable manner
4. The use of the equipment must not interfere with the health and amenity of surrounding neighbours.

The City of Cockburn’s Environmental Health Officers, in assessing what constitutes unreasonable noise consider:

- The magnitude of the noise emission (How loud it is)
- The duration of the noise emission (How long it goes for)
- How often the noise emissions of that type occur; and
- The purpose for which the equipment is used
- Home businesses need to comply with the ordinary assigned levels.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA), a person who emits or causes or allows noise to be emitted, which unreasonably interferes with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of any person, commits an offence and may be fined.



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For full details refer to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.