

What time of the day can particular equipment/apparatus be used?

Equipment, Apparatus or off-road vehicle being used	Days	Permissible Hours of use
Power tools	Monday to Friday	7am until 6pm
	Saturday	9am until 6pm
	Sunday, Good Friday & Christmas Day	10am until 6pm
Lawn mowers	Monday to Friday,	7am until 6pm
	Saturday	8am until 6pm
	Sunday, Good Friday & Christmas Day	10am until 6pm
Chain saws (when more than 500 metres from a residence)	Monday to Friday,	7am until 6pm
	Saturday,	9am until 6pm
	Sunday, Good Friday & Christmas Day	10am until 6pm
Off-road vehicles	Monday to Friday	7am until 6pm
	Saturday	8am until 6pm
	Sunday, Good Friday & Christmas Day	10am until 6pm



**GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY  
COUNCIL**

## DOMESTIC NOISE

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# RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE

**D**omestic 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 can be 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 night when background noise levels are usually lower.

Recreational vehicles such as trail bikes, mini bikes, dune buggies or similar motor vehicles used for recreational purposes should not be operated within 500 metres of any house/residence.

## 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.

Considerations must be given to the location of noise-emitting equipment in relation to other neighbours, for example, a heat pump located directly opposite your neighbour's 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 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.

## 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 office hours.

Formal noise complaints should be made in writing or by a statement. If legal action is necessary to be taken, a complainant will need to be prepared to give evidence in court if required.

# NOISE CAN BE A PROBLEM