

NOISE SCHEDULE

Section 48A(5) of the Environment Protection Act defines noise as being unreasonable, if certain items of equipment are audible in a habitable room of a neighbour's house outside of prescribed hours. The following table specifies the items of equipment and the prohibited hours under the Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008. It should be noted that equipment use outside prohibited hours may be unreasonable, depending on the circumstances of use.

Schedule of Prescribed Noise Items and Prohibited Times		
Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008		
GROUP	PRESCRIBED ITEMS	PROHIBITED TIMES
1	Motor vehicles (except a vehicle entering or leaving premises), lawn mower or other grass cutting device and any equipment or appliance not falling within Group 2 having an internal combustion engine.	Monday to Friday - before 7 am and after 8 pm Weekends & Public Holidays - before 9 am and after 8 pm
2	Electric power tool, chain or circular saw, gas or air compressor, pneumatic power tool, hammer or other impacting tool, grinding equipment.	Monday to Friday - before 7 am and after 8 pm Weekends & Public Holidays - before 9 am and after 8 pm
3	Evaporative Cooler, heat pumps, water pumps, other than a pump being used to fill a header tank, domestic air conditioner, swimming pool pump, spa pump, domestic heating equipment (including central heating and hot water systems), domestic vacuum cleaner.	Monday to Friday - before 7 am and after 10 pm Weekends & Public Holidays - before 9 am and after 10 pm
4	Musical instruments and any electrical amplified sound producing equipment (including stereo, radio, television or public address system).	Monday to Thursday - before 7 am and after 10 pm Friday - before 7 am and after 11 pm Saturday and Public Holidays - before 9 am and after 11 pm Sunday - before 9 am and after 10 pm
5	Electrical equipment or appliance not falling within Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4, including electric gardening equipment. But not electric equipment or appliances for personal care or grooming or for heating, refrigeration or preparation of food.	Monday to Friday - before 7 am and after 8 pm Weekends and Public Holidays - before 9 am and after 8 pm
<p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noise from the above items must <i>not</i> be audible in a habitable room of another residential premises during the prohibited times for that item. 2. "At all times" a person must not emit or cause or suffer to be emitted unreasonable noise from any residential premises. 		