



Wedge and Grey Shacks fact sheet

Water storage facilities and water use

- Water and water storage facilities must be safe and suitable for human use. Any water collected or obtained from the Wedge and Grey reserves is used by licensees, and their guests, at their own risk. Licensees should make every effort to advise their guests about the quality and use of non-potable water in or near their shack. The use of water imported from known potable water sources is encouraged.
- Licensees should obtain their own advice in respect to the treatment of water collected on site for domestic use.
- Where no existing water storage facility is present in the Occupancy Area, installation of up to two new water storage facilities may be considered for approval upon application to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). Total combined capacity shall not exceed 12,500L.
- All existing and new water storage facilities must comply with Australian Standards for potable water storage. Storage containers that do not comply with Australian Standards such as ex-chemical pods/ IBC are not permitted. Multiple water storage facilities already located within an Occupancy Area can remain in use regardless of their total capacity or number if they comply with the relevant Australian Standards.
- Subject to the approval of DBCA, a maximum of one ex-chemical pod/IBC is permitted on fire tenders. Fire tenders/trailers must be licensed and are not to be used as a water source to shacks or associated structures. Fire tenders must be clearly labelled 'non-potable water'.
- If an existing water storage facility fails, a replacement water storage facility will not be permitted if the capacity of other suitable water storage facilities in place within the Occupancy Area exceeds 12,500L.
- New water storage facilities will be permitted if all other water storage facilities within the Occupancy Area do not exceed a combined capacity of 12,500L. A maximum of two water storage units are allowed on site at any given time.
- Between 1 November 2019 – 31 May 2021 replacement of one non-compliant storage container (ex-chemical pod/IBC) per licence with a compliant water tank up to a maximum of 1,000L will be permitted where the existing purpose is for use as a header tank for ablution facilities, even if the total existing tank capacity exceeds 12,500L.
- New water storage facilities are not required to be uniform in size (except maximum volume), colour or material. All new water storage facilities are to be installed at ground level on pads of suitably compacted natural soil. The pads are to be no larger than 0.5m from the outside diameter of the water storage facility. No new concrete pads under water storage facilities are permitted.
- Installation of gutters on shacks and associated structures is permitted to allow the collection of rainwater.
- All plumbing, to and from the water storage facility, is to comply with Australian Standards.
- New tank stands are not permitted to be constructed. All non-certified tank stands are not permitted and must be removed.
- Licensees must obtain, at their own expense, certification from a qualified structural engineer for existing 'tank stands' should they wish to retain them as functional tank stands or for historic purposes. The certification must be presented to DBCA.
- Maintenance works to make tank stands comply or meet certification may be permitted following advice from a structural engineer, and if upon application to retain the tank stand.
- Where activities require ground disturbing works within an Aboriginal heritage site formal advice should be sought from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) by emailing swsheritage@dplh.wa.gov.au before the ground disturbing works commence, with works being carried out in compliance with such advice, noting that it is an offence to destroy or damage an Aboriginal site.

This fact sheet must be read in conjunction with the 2019 Licence conditions - Wedge and Grey.

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