

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 2018. 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		
GROUP	PRESCRIBED ITEMS	PROHIBITED TIMES
1	Motor vehicles (but not when entering or leaving a site). Lawnmowers or other grass-cutting devices. Any equipment with an internal combustion engine not in group 2.	Monday to Friday before 7 am or after 8 pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9 am or after 8 pm.
2	Electric power tools, chainsaws or circular saws. Gas or air compressors. Pneumatic power tools, hammers or other impacting tools or grinding equipment.	Monday to Friday before 7 am or after 8 pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9 am or after 8 pm.
3	Home heat pumps. Swimming pool, spa or water pumps except when used to fill a header tank. Home heaters (including central heating and hot water systems). Vacuum cleaners.	Monday to Friday before 7 am or after 10 pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9 am or after 10 pm.
4	An air conditioner, evaporative cooler or split system used for cooling.*	Monday to Friday before 7 am and after 11 pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9 am and after 11 pm.
5	Musical instruments. Electric audio goods, including stereos, radios, TVs and public address systems.	Monday to Thursday before 7 am or after 10 pm. Friday before 7 am or after 11 pm. Saturday and public holidays before 9 am or after 11 pm. Sunday before 9 am or after 10 pm.
6	Electrical goods not in group 2, 3 or 4, including gardening tools. Not equipment for personal care or grooming, or for food heating, cooling or preparation.	Monday to Friday before 7 am or after 8 pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9 am or after 8 pm.

Note:

1. Noise from the above items must ***not*** be audible in a habitable room of another residential premises during the prohibited times for that item.
2. Residential noise can still be unreasonable outside the prohibited times.

* Air conditioning noise is exempt from residential noise regulations during a heat health alert.

