

Wat04

Water efficient equipment

Actions:

- i. Specify any additional water demands
- ii. Reduce water demand

i. Specify water demands

The first step is to identify and specify any water demands from uses other than those listed under *Wat 01 Water consumption: Calculation of water efficiency performance* that could be **realistically mitigated or reduced**. Where there are no water demands from uses other than domestic-scale, sanitary use components in the building, this issue is not applicable.

These might include:

- Swimming pools
- Recreational hot tubs and hydrotherapy pools
- Equipment used for irrigation
- Vehicle wash equipment
- Project-specific industrial processes
- Water filtration and treatment processes
- Building services (e.g. cooling towers and humidification systems)

ii. Reduce water demand

After identifying any additional water demands, systems or processes to reduce their demands should be **established** to contribute to a reduction in the total water demand of the building. The BRE is not specific on how this must be achieved, but recommends “*this can be achieved through either **good practice design** or **specification**”.*

Note: This document is intended as guidance only. Consult your BREEAM AP or Assessor to ensure compliance is achieved.