

**WATER
POLICY**

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INTRODUCTION

Water is a valuable resource. Climate change is having a massive impact on the global water balance. Many regions of the world are already affected by droughts, falling groundwater levels, and water scarcity. Meanwhile, other regions are increasingly struggling with floods and heavy rainfall. Against this backdrop, water management is becoming increasingly important.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF WATER

In the Dürr Group, we are committed to the sustainable use of water – at our sites and along the entire value chain. By using water responsibly, we contribute to the protection of natural water resources and reduce water-related risks. With our commitment, we support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations and help to ensure that the entitlement to clean water and adequate sanitation, as enshrined in human rights, can be fulfilled.

We regard water as a precious resource and have therefore set ourselves the goal of further reducing our water consumption.

We have established a Group-wide process for water management. In this context, we regularly determine water withdrawal and recirculation, as well as water consumption at our sites.

RELEVANCE OF WATER TO PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS

As an engineering company, production and assembly account for a smaller proportion of our work than in more production-intensive industrial companies. This means that water consumption is correspondingly lower. We are constantly working to make our production processes as efficient as possible in terms of water consumption.

As early as the product development stage, we consider resource efficiency in the use phase in order to make the use of our products as water-efficient as possible for our customers. This is particularly important for certain painting technologies for the automotive industry, which rely on water as part of the production process. In general, however, it can be said that the water requirement for many of the products and services we offer is low.

USE OF WATER AT OUR LOCATIONS

Fresh water is used at most locations as drinking water, for food preparation, for sanitary areas, and for cleaning. At some locations with production activities, it is also used as process water, for example for cooling lubricants, sprinkler systems, plant and equipment in technical centers, and for the cooling of buildings.

In most cases, waste water at Dürr Group sites is disposed of via the public waste water treatment system. Contaminated, chemically polluted waste water and waste water from processes requiring special treatment is disposed of properly, depending on the degree and type of contamination.

Measures relating to water are worked out, coordinated, and implemented at the individual locations by the respective Group companies or local environmental officers. The central Corporate Sustainability function provides support as required.

When planning, constructing, and renovating production and office buildings, we comply with local legal requirements and regulations with regard to water.

We have implemented a process to regularly identify locations that are affected by high water risk or water stress. At regular intervals, we analyze relevant sites using various indicators to identify potential local impacts and develop countermeasures as needed. These indicators include water stress, water scarcity, seasonal fluctuations in water supply, changes in groundwater levels, and the risk of droughts. We use indicators from the Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas of the World Resources Institute (WRI) as a data basis. We pay particular attention to these locations in order to minimize water-related risks today and in the future.

COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND TRANSPARENT REPORTING

We maintain an open dialog with customers, authorities, the public, and other stakeholders in order to identify their expectations of us and incorporate them into our water management.

We expect our suppliers and business partners to use water responsibly and actively enforce this by requiring them to sign our [Supplier Code of Conduct](#).

We regularly use various communication channels to inform the public about current developments, projects, and decisions in the area of water. As part of our annual reporting process, we provide information on the topic of water on a yearly basis. We provide comprehensive information to ESG rating agencies, including the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).

When appropriate, we develop suitable procedures for implementing water-related specifications in operational practice in close communication with the authorities and other stakeholders.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

We comply with all laws and regulations that require or ensure the resource-conserving use of water. If these guidelines do not provide sufficient protection or are non-existent, we act responsibly in accordance with our own regulations and standards within the company.

SCOPE OF VALIDITY

In this policy, we describe our understanding of the sustainable use of water. The policy serves as the basis for our actions and applies to all Group companies worldwide.

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