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# Control measure

## Reduction



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### Control measure knowledge

The amount of water used can be reduced by using water sprays instead of jets and by using hand-held jets instead of ground monitors. This will reduce the amount of [fire water run-off](#).

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Consider maintaining a stock of hand controlled branches capable of producing a fire fighting jet and/or water spray at reduced levels of flow

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Consider identifying areas of operation where a reduced use water strategy can be initiated without significantly increasing the risk of fire spread or compromising safety
- Consider the impact of fire water run off on compacted materials and ground conditions
- Consider a controlled burn strategy. see [Controlled burn](#)