Dear Neighbour

You may not be aware that the (insert music/ power tool/ etc.) noise coming from your property is (insert keeping me awake, is upsetting me etc.)

I wanted to let you know as you may not be aware how the noise is affecting me/us.

On the back of this letter is some information about noise in residential areas.

I hope that you understand my concern and are happy to do something to reduce the impact the noise has on me/us.

Regards

Your Neighbour

The [Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/legislation/noise-legislation#noiseregs) apply to the items and times shown in the table on this page.

| **Group** | **Prescribed items** | **Prohibited times** |
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| 1 | A motor vehicle (except a vehicle moving in or out of premises), lawn mower or other grass cutting device and any equipment or appliance not falling within group 2 having an internal combustion engine. | Monday to Friday: before 7 am and after 8 pm.  Weekends and public holidays: before 9 am and after 8 pm. |
| 2 | An electric power tool, chain or circular saw, gas or air compressor, pneumatic power tool, hammer and any other impacting tool or grinding equipment. | Monday to Friday: before 7 am and after 8 pm.  Weekends and public holidays: before 9 am and after 8 pm. |
| 3 | A domestic air conditioner or evaporative cooler, heat pump, swimming pool pump, spa pump, water pump other than a pump being used to fill a header tank, domestic heating equipment (including central heating and hot water systems) and a domestic vacuum cleaner. | Monday to Friday: before 7 am and after 10 pm.  Weekends and public holidays: before 9 am and after 10 pm. |
| 4 | A musical instrument and any electrical amplified sound reproducing equipment including a stereo, radio, television and public address system. | Monday to Thursday: before 7 am and after 10 pm.  Friday: before 7 am and after 11 pm.  Saturday and public holidays: before 9 am and after 11 pm.  Sunday: before 9 am and after 10 pm. |
| 5 | Any electric equipment or appliance not falling within group 2, group 3 or group 4, including electric gardening equipment, but not electric equipment or appliances for personal care or grooming, or for heating, refrigeration or preparation of food. | Monday to Friday: before 7 am and after 8 pm.  Weekends and public holidays: before 9 am and after 8 pm. |

 Note: The prohibited times apply when the noise can be heard from inside a habitable room of another residential premises.

Any residential noise can still be considered unreasonable outside the prohibited times.