

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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**WATER RATIONING IN GRAHAMSTOWN
(EASTERN AND WESTERN SIDES)**

Makana Local Municipality is situated in a water scarce region and is currently in the midst of a very serious and prolonged drought. This notice serves to inform all residents that water rationing is to be applied to the entire Grahamstown with immediate effect.

In April 2017, Council approved the first stage of water restrictions. However, consumption patterns indicate that residents are not adhering to these restrictions. This non-compliance together with a lack of rainfall has resulted in an alarming depletion of raw water reserves in particularly Settlers Dam.

In order to take the necessary action to manage this dire situation, Council declared a state of disaster in Makana on 04th May 2017 2017. The purpose of this Notice is to inform consumers that in accordance with Municipal By-Laws, the following water rationing arrangements are now in effect:

DELIVERABLE	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	FREQUENCY
GRAHAMSTOWN (WESTERN SIDE)		
To maintain reservoir levels for a continuous supply and stretch the available water.	Outlet valve in all reservoirs will be throttled every night at 21h00 and opened at 05h00: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Level • Intermediate and • Low 	On-going
GRAHAMSTOWN (EASTERN SIDE)		
To maintain reservoir levels for a continuous supply and provide for limited sharing of water from East to West when necessary.	Continued Outlet valve throttling in all reservoirs every night at 21h00 and opened at 05h00: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botha's Hill • Mayfield and • Tanti 	On-going

Please note that the above exercise will result in very low pressure/s or no water at all during the time of rationing.

Residents are urged to:

- Limit total water use to a maximum of 100 litres per person, per day (includes washing, flushing, laundry, cooking)
- To use Municipal drinking water only for essential indoors use (washing, cooking and drinking purposes). NO USE OF GARDEN HOSEPIPES FOR ANY PURPOSE IS PERMITTED.

Top tips to save water:

- Only flush the toilet when necessary. Don't use it as a dustbin.
- Reduce showers to two minutes. A standard (non-water-saving) showerhead can use up to 16 litres of water per minute. AVOID TAKING OF BATHS.
- Collect shower, bath and basin water and re-use to flush toilets, water gardens and for car washing.
- Wait for a full load before running washing machines and dishwashers. The rinse water from some washing machines can be re-used for the next wash cycle.
- Use a cup instead of running taps in the bathroom or kitchen when brushing teeth, shaving, drinking, etc.
- Defrost foods in the fridge or naturally, rather than placing it under running water.

This Notice also serves to bring to the attention of clients that in keeping with water restriction practice, Makana Municipality will implement stepped water tariffs from 01 July 2017,

Please note, that should these above restrictions not have the desired effect, and should the prevailing drought conditions require additional management measures, the next level of water rationing which is water shedding for at least 2 days per zone, will be implemented.

Report water issues and offences

Help us save water, report water issues (e.g. burst pipes or faulty meters) and restriction offences:

Call Customer care line: 046 603 6111 during working hours, or Engineer's department: 046 603 6063 / 6136 during office hours or Fire department: 046 603 6000 after hours and weekends.

Email: info@makana.gov.za



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