



MUNICIPAL NOTICE 52/2016

WATER RESTRICTIONS

In order to most effectively save water, all users in the municipality are subjected to water restrictions. More stringent water restrictions to save 20 % water are imposed **w.e.f. 1 December 2016** due to the lower than the norm dam levels. The current 2016/17 - 20% water savings tariffs will be applicable

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

1. Watering/irrigation (with drinking water from municipal supply) of gardens, lawns, flower beds and other plants, vegetable gardens, sports fields, parks and other open spaces allowed only if using a bucket or watering can. No use of hosepipes or automatic sprinkler systems allowed. Watering times are not restricted, however, residents are urged to limit their watering to the mornings and evenings.
2. Golf courses, sports facilities, parks, schools, learning institutions, nurseries, customers involved in agricultural activities, users with historical gardens and customers with special requirements can apply to the Director: Engineering Services for exemption to the above. (Refer to the website for the application form)
3. All properties where alternative, non-potable water resources are used (e.g. rain water harvesting, grey water re-use, treated effluent water, spring water, wellpoints and boreholes), must ensure that they display the appropriate signage to this effect, clearly visible from a public thoroughfare.
4. All wellpoints and boreholes must be used efficiently to avoid wastage and evaporation.
5. No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced or paved areas with municipality supply water are allowed (except for health purposes).
6. Users, such as abattoirs, food processing industries, industries using water to prepare for painting or similar treatments, care facilities, animal shelters and other industries or facilities with special needs can apply to the Director: Engineering Services for exemption. (Refer to website for application form.)
7. Ornamental water fountains/water features to be operated only by recycling the water or if using non-potable water.

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8. Washing (using municipal supply water) of vehicles and boats only allowed if using a bucket.
9. Commercial car wash industries must comply with industry best practice norms regarding water usage per car washed.
10. Informal car washes to use only buckets and not hoses.
11. All automatic flushing urinals shall be turned off in all buildings during times when such buildings are normally vacated by the public and/or staff other than cleaning staff. Attention is also drawn to Provincial Gazette Extraordinary Number 5014 (1996) which prohibits the use of automatic flushing urinals.
12. Customers are strongly advised to install water efficient parts, fittings and technologies to minimise water use at all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components.
13. Manual topping up of private swimming pools allowed only if fitted with a pool cover.
14. No automatic top-up systems are allowed for private or public swimming pools.
15. The use of fitted pool covers for public swimming pools is strongly encouraged where practically possible
16. The use of portable play pools are prohibited.
17. Spray parks and related activities are to be strictly managed to minimise water wastage.
18. Customers must install water efficient parts, fittings and technologies to minimise water use at all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components in public places and adhere to Water By-law requirements.
19. Golf courses, sports facilities, parks, schools and learning institutions are not allowed to establish any new landscaping or sports fields, except if irrigated only with non-potable water (boreholes/wellpoints or grey water re-use).
20. For users supplied with water in terms of special contracts (notarial deeds, water service intermediaries or water service providers), the contract conditions shall apply.

Visit our website www.stellenbosch.gov.za to obtain exemption form.

Customers should note that water pressure may be reduced to limit water leaks and that slight changes in water taste and clarity may occur due to low dam levels.