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LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU



At a Council meeting held on 25 February 2026, the Stellenbosch Municipal Council addressed the need for precautionary water measures. Following consideration of current dam levels, weather patterns and projected supply, Council approved the implementation of Level 2 Water Restrictions in terms of the Municipality's Water Services By-law, 2017.

This decision is in line with advice and proposals from the Provincial Government, as well as similar precautionary measures already introduced by several neighbouring and nearby municipalities. It is a proactive step aimed at safeguarding our shared water resources and ensuring long-term security of supply.

The implementation of Level 2 restrictions is a responsible and measured intervention to manage demand early and avoid more severe measures later.

The Level 2 Water Restrictions will take effect from 1 March 2026 and remain in place until further notice.

Allocation of drinking water use per person per day whether at home/work is limited to:	330 litres per person per day.
Allocation of drinking water use per single household or cluster household per month	40 kilolitres Unauthorised usage will be liable to an admission of guilt fine i.t.o. the Water Services By-Law.
Indigent households	Limited to 300 litres /per day unless through prior application and permission.
Guesthouses	May apply for exemption but will then be required to reduce consumption to at least 20% below the consumption of 2025 year during the same time.
Commercial properties	Monthly consumption must be reduced with 20% compared to consumption for the equivalent period in the 2025 year.
Users supplied with water i.t.o. special contract (notarial deeds, water service intermediaries or water service providers	Contract conditions shall apply.
Watering: hosepipe	Allowed - Before 09h00 or after 18h00.
Watering: Sprinklers/ Irrigations	Allowed - Tuesdays and Saturdays for 1 hour before 09h00 or after 18h00.
Watering: drippers/drip line/soaker hose or bucket / watering can	Allowed.
Municipal Sports fields / parks (irrigation)	Allowed, but using non-drinking water is encouraged.
Establishing of new landscaping or sports fields	Allowed but irrigation with non-drinking water should be favoured.

Boreholes or wellpoint water/ rainwater/greywater	Allowed if registered with the Municipality (must display the municipal signage) Residents to use borehole/wellpoint/ efficiently Tuesdays and Saturdays before 09h00 or after 18h00 for maximum 1 hour.
Rainwater/greywater Treated effluent water, spring water, irrigation water	Allowed (must display the municipal signage clearly visible from public thoroughfare) Tuesdays and Saturdays before 09h00 or after 18h00 for 1 hour only. Residents to use borehole/wellpoint/ efficiently.
Washing of vehicles, trailers, caravans, boats etc.	Allowed. Washing to be done before 09h00 and after 18h00 on any day.
Agricultural use	Reduce consumption with 10% compared to consumption of 2025 year.
Washing /hosing down of hard surfaced areas with municipal drinking water	Allowed - Users such as abattoirs, food processing industries, care facilities, animal shelters and other industries or facilities with special needs (health /safety related only must apply for exemption.
Ornamental Water Fountains/ Features	Allowed - provided water is circulated.
Swimming pools	Allowed - Topping up, but pool covers must be fitted to prevent evaporation.
Portable or temporary play pools	Not encouraged.
Spray parks	Not Allowed.
Commercial car washes	Allowed.