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MEMORANDUM

TO: Management, councillors, communities and employees

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Rand Water has informed the Water and Sanitation Division that its reservoir levels are low due to the current high temperatures and huge demand.

Abstraction of water from the Vaal Dam by Rand Water currently exceeds the allowable licenced limit as determined by the Department of Water and Sanitation. Rand Water is therefore necessitated to limit water supply to its consumers (municipalities) in order to stay within the agreement.

The result of this is that the City of Tshwane, including residents and businesses in Tshwane, has to manage water in a far more effective and efficient way. The City therefore urges consumers to continue conserving water by using it wisely and sparingly.

All water users are encouraged to change the manner in which they utilise water and to remain vigilant in conserving this scarce resource. Saving water must become part of our lifestyle.

The water conservation measures that were implemented during the initial restrictions should become the norm. Residents are urged to keep on using grey water for watering gardens and flushing toilets, to report water leaks and burst pipes, and to install water-saving devices.

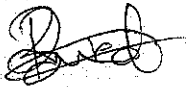
Residents are also urged to make water conservation part of their everyday lives by following the ten tips on how to save water:

1. Where possible, install a low-flow showerhead and tap aerators.
2. Use a dual-flush toilet cistern.
3. Try to plant indigenous or drought-resistant shrubs in the garden.
4. Water gardens before 08:00 or after 17:00 and only when necessary.

5. Use a broom instead of a hosepipe when cleaning driveways or patios.
6. Collect rainwater for reuse in the garden or for washing the car.
7. Cover the swimming pool to reduce water evaporation.
8. Take a shower rather than a bath.
9. Close a running tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
10. Regularly check toilets and taps for leaks.

Residents are advised to use water sparingly in order to avoid water interruptions.

Regards



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