

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEVEL 4 WATER RESTRICTIONS



The Swartland Municipality has approved level 4 water restrictions, effective from 1 August 2017 until further notice.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

- No watering/irrigation with municipal drinking water allowed. This includes watering/irrigation of flower beds, lawns, vegetables, agricultural crops, other plants, sports fields, golf courses, schools, learning institutions facilities, nurseries, parks and other open spaces. Nurseries and customers involved in agricultural activities or with historical gardens may apply for exemption.
- 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 display signage to this effect clearly visible from a public thoroughfare. Users of these sources may irrigate only before 08:00 and after 18:00 for a maximum of one hour, but are strongly encouraged not to water/irrigate within seven days after rainfall that provided adequate saturation.
- No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced, walls, roofs or paved areas with municipal drinking water is allowed. Users, such as abattoirs, food processing industries, care facilities, animal shelters and other industries or facilities with special needs may apply for exemption.
- No topping (manually or automatically) up or filling of swimming pools allowed, even if fitted with pool cover. This includes the filling of new pools or the refilling of an existing pool after a repair. This applies to all pools including public pools and pools at clubs, businesses and institutions.
- The use of water from municipal potable water mains for cooling off of any roof area is prohibited.
- The use of municipal drinking water for ornamental water fountains or water features is prohibited.
- Consumers are encouraged to flush toilets (manually using a bucket) with greywater, rainwater or other non-drinking water.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- No washing of vehicles, trailers, caravans or boats using municipal drinking water is allowed. These must be washed with non-drinking water or waterless products or dry steam cleaning processes.
- The use of portable or any temporary play pools, including slip and slide inflatables is prohibited.
- Customers are strongly advised to install water efficient parts, fittings and technologies to minimise water use at all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components.
- Customers are encouraged not to use more than 87 litres per person per day, for basic human needs (cumulatively throughout the day wherever you are).

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- No washing of vehicles (including taxis), trailers, caravans or boats with municipal drinking water allowed. Vehicles, trailers, caravans and boats should be washed with non-drinking water or waterless products or dry steam cleaning processes. This applies to both formal and informal car washes.
- The use of fitted pool covers for public swimming pools is strongly encouraged where practically possible.
- No automatic top-up systems for swimming pools are allowed.
- The operation of spray parks is prohibited.
- Customers/facilities must install water efficient parts, fittings and technologies to minimise water use at all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components in public places.
- 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-drinking water.
- For users supplied with water in terms of special contract (e.g. notarial deeds or water services providers) the contract conditions shall apply.

IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASED WATER TARIFFS

The following tariffs shall be implemented in respect of domestic consumers in the Swartland municipal area, with effect from the services account to be rendered to consumers during August 2017 for payment by 31 August 2017.

	Tariff per unit (kl)
0 to 4 kl	R6,30 plus VAT
5 to 25 kl	R17,61 plus VAT
26 to 50 kl	R24,25 plus VAT
51 kl and above	R37,53 plus VAT

In respect of businesses (including schools, government institutions and sports clubs) the following tariff shall be implemented with effect from the services account to be rendered to consumers during August 2017 for payment by 31 August 2017:

R25,00 plus VAT to be levied from the 1st kiloliter of water consumed

FINES

Apart from a high water bill for water misuse, consumers who waste water also carry the risk of being fined for contravening any of the restrictive measures herein. A fine of R500,00 per offence shall apply. An increase of the fine may follow shortly.

APPLICATION/...

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

Customers with special requirements may apply for exemption from the water restrictions with the Director: Corporate Services. Visit our website (www.swartland.org.za) to access the application form.

PLEASE NOTE:

- (1) All exemptions granted under level 2 or level 3 restrictions are withdrawn with immediate effect and re-application will not be considered unless otherwise stated above.
- (2) Water pressure may be reduced to below applicable regulations or standard requirements to limit water leaks, and may cause intermittent water supply.
- (3) The Municipality reserves the right to install Aqualoc water meters (that regulates daily water consumption) in those instances where water is misused.

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