

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS



The Swartland Municipality has approved level 3 water restrictions, effective from 1 March 2017 until further notice.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

- 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 before 08:00 and after 18:00 and only if using a bucket or watering can. No use of hosepipes or automatic sprinkler systems allowed.
- Golf courses (only in respect of greens/putting surfaces), schools, learning institutions, nurseries and customers involved in agricultural activities are exempt from the above, but are urged to use water sparingly. Where possible, alternative water resources must be used.
- 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 they display the appropriate signage to this effect clearly visible from a public thoroughfare.
- No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced or paved areas with drinking water allowed. Users, such as abattoirs, food processing industries, industries/contractors using water to prepare for painting or similar treatments, care facilities and animal shelters are exempt, provided that (1) no water devices may be left unattended when it is not in use or properly turned off, and (2) all hosepipes must be fitted with a self-closing device and/or high pressure spray mechanism (WAP). The use of high pressure spray mechanisms (WAPs) are compulsory where water is used to prepare for painting or similar treatments.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- Washing (using potable water) of vehicles and boats only allowed if using a bucket.
- Manual topping up of swimming pools allowed only if fitted with a pool cover. No automatic top-up systems are allowed. New pools may only be filled with alternative, non-potable water resources.
- The use of portable play pools and slip & slide inflatables are 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.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- Commercial car wash industries must comply with industry best practice norms regarding water usage per car washed.
- Informal car washes to use only buckets and not hosepipes.
- 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.
- 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.

WATER QUOTAS

The water quota system is discontinued. However, consumers are to note that the water consumption of all households and businesses will be monitored closely on a monthly basis. The Municipality reserves the right to install *Aqualoc* water meters (that regulates daily water consumption) in those instances where water is misused.

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 April 2017 for payment by 30 April 2017.

	Tariff per unit (kl)
0 to 4 kl	Free
5 to 25 kl	R14,60 plus VAT
26 to 50 kl	R20,10 plus VAT
51 kl and above	R31,12 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 April 2017 for payment by 30 April 2017 (i.e. in respect of March consumption): R20,74 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 R300,00 per offence shall apply. An increase of the fine may follow shortly.

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS

As from 1 April 2017 all municipal swimming pools will be closed to the public.

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.