

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IMPLEMENTATION OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS AND REDUCED WATER TARIFFS



Swartland Municipality has approved level 3 water restrictions, effective from 14 December 2018 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 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays before 09:00 or after 18:00 and only if using a hosepipe with automatic self-closing device, or a bucket or watering can. The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited.
- 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.
- All residents are required to use no more than 105 litres municipal drinking water per person per day in total, irrespective of whether you are at home, work or elsewhere.
- 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, unless alternative water resources are used.
- 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.

#### FINES

Failure to comply with any of the restrictions will constitute an offence in terms of the Municipality's By-law relating to Water Supply, Sanitation Services and Industrial Effluent, 2014. The accused will be liable to an admission of guilt fine of R2 000,00 and/or, in accordance with section 69(3), the installation of an *Aqualoc* water meter or any other restrictive device (that regulates daily water consumption) at premises where non-compliance occurs. The costs thereof will be billed to the relevant account holder.

#### EXEMPTIONS

Customers with special requirements may apply for exemption from the water restrictions. Visit our website ([www.swartland.org.za](http://www.swartland.org.za)) to access the application form.

Note, however, that all exemptions granted under the level 5 and level 6 restrictions remain valid.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCED WATER TARIFFS

The following tariffs shall be implemented with effect from the services account to be rendered to consumers during January 2019 for payment by 31 January 2019:

**REDUCED TARIFFS/...**

In respect of domestic consumers:

|               | Tariff per unit (kl) |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 0 - 4 kl      | R 5.13 plus VAT      |
| 5 - 10 kl     | R 8.80 plus VAT      |
| 11 - 15 kl    | R 16.06 plus VAT     |
| 16 - 20 kl    | R 16.61 plus VAT     |
| 21 - 25 kl    | R 30.18 plus VAT     |
| 26 - 50 kl    | R 62.90 plus VAT     |
| 51 kl & above | R 86.80 plus VAT     |

In respect of businesses:

R22.00 plus VAT from the 1<sup>st</sup> kiloliter of water consumed

In respect of schools, government institutions and sport clubs:

R23.32 plus VAT from the 1<sup>st</sup> kiloliter of water consumed

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