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MEDIA RELEASE

Save electricity this winter

The winter season is fast approaching and with chilly nights ahead of us, consumers are advised to use electricity sparingly to avoid incidents of load shadings. Raymond Grunig, Senior Electrical Engineer at Steve Tshwete Local Municipality advises consumers to switch off electrical appliances such as swimming pool pump motors, geysers and heaters which may not be in use during peak hours (17:00-20:00). Businesses are also requested to play a role in energy saving and switch off unused lights and appliances after business operating hours. Cooperation from the community in saving electricity will assist the municipality following increasing demand of electricity as a result of new developments in town such as the new mall and residential areas.

The electrical services at the municipality recommends that households and businesses use compact fluorescent bulbs, which uses less energy as compared to the common bulbs.

The public is also advised to monitor Eskom's energy saving advertisements which give indications of the state of electricity usage and which assists in indicating which appliances to switch off in an attempt to ease the load.

The advert displays the following colours :

Green: indicates that households must switch off all unnecessary lights

Yellow: geysers

Red: Stoves, geysers and swimming pool pump motors

Black: indicates a crisis all appliances must be switched off and only lights and TV can be switched off.

Yours faithfully

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