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Media release

Residents are urged to conserve water

To mitigate water scarcity in Steve Tshwete the public is urged to conserve water and adhered to water restrictions. The Middelburg Dam is dropping seriously currently at a level of 41.8 %.

Residents are urged to **SAVE WATER** by adhering to the following restrictions;

- No use of irrigation system for gardens and lawns;
- No more approvals for new car wash applications;
- Schools to apply for watering of sports facilities;
- The washing of paved areas with hosepipes is prohibited, and
- The washing of vehicles is only allowed from a bucket.

In order to avoid penalties, residents must follow these simple water saving tips;

- Fix leaking taps;
- Make sure the toilet seals properly and does not leak water;
- Drop a block (half brick) into the toilet cistern – saves 2 litres of water per flush;
- Use the washing machine sparingly on short cycle or wash by hand;
- Take a five-minute shower instead of a bath;
- Use a bucket in the shower to catch grey water – use this for watering plants;
- Let kids bath together;
- Couples can shower or bath together;
- Don't let water run while brushing your teeth;
- Make sure the dishwasher is completely full before starting the washing cycle;
- Monitor water usage by reading the meter every second day;
- Limit the washing of vehicles, instead use a bucket to wash your car, and
- Teach your children to use water sparingly.

Residents are urged to use water sparingly. Every drop counts, saving water is everyone responsibility.

Over and above the conditions mentioned, council is planning to implement a penalty tariff to be applied on residential water usage in excess of 20 kl per month.

Residents are requested to report any pipe bursts to the municipality as soon as they are identified by calling: (013) 249 7168/ (013) 242 1656.

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Yours sincerely

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