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The Directorate: Water Use and Efficiency (formerly known as Water Conservation) was created in response to a new approach to the management of South Africa's water resources. Since its inception in 1998, it has promoted the efficient and sustainable use of water resources. It has pioneered the integration of water conservation and water demand management into the behavioural processes and business culture of all sectors and spheres of South African society. The National Water Conservation and Water Demand Management Strategy (NWC/WDMS) is a further step in the endeavour to promote water as a primary, yet scarce, resource that should be intrinsically valued.

Population growth has had a detrimental effect on the amount of water used in the world today. Climate change has impacted water supplies in South Africa. Rains that usually come to supply the country's water have occurred very infrequently, leading to South Africa now experiencing its worst drought in history. Additionally, as more and more people migrate into cities from rural villages, the pressure for the city to meet water demands is ever increasing. All forms of life on Earth have always depended on water for survival, and today water holds the key to survival in the future as well. There is no more important time than now to conserve water, as our very future depends on it.

Tips to save water

Reduce Water Consumption

1. Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, shaving or soaping hands.
2. Take shorter showers and use less water if you bath.
3. Avoid buying bottled water.
4. Sweep outside areas instead of hosing with water.
5. Use eco-friendly soaps and cleaning products.
6. Fix leaks at home & report public water leaks to the Municipality.
7. Always use a plugged sink or bowl instead of a running tap.
8. Insulate hot water pipes to reduce the time waiting for water to heat up.
9. Install aerators and flow-reducing valves on your taps.
10. Install water-saving devices on taps, toilets, showers & sprinklers.
11. Install a water meter and monitor your use.
12. Install an instant water heater at your taps for immediate hot water.





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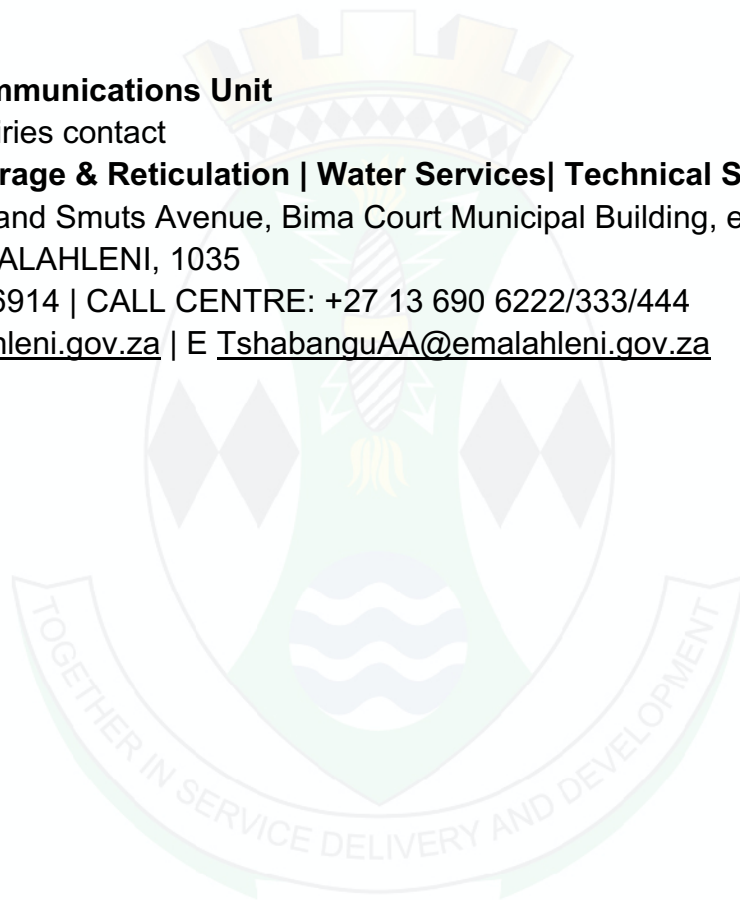
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