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Water Conservation Update

The water shortage crisis continues to have a negative effect in most parts of our municipality and remains severe with an above-average rainfall needed to relieve the situation.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans said, "The Greater Knysna Area is still under water restrictions and we remind residents that our rivers are running low and this in turn is having an impact on our dam level".

"If all residents, businesses and industries reduce their water consumption it will have a great impact on dam levels. Reducing water consumption in individual households will especially help relieve the constraints on our water resources, so let us all be water wise and use water sparingly", she concluded.

These simple water-saving tips can help you save water:

- Fix leaking taps immediately as a dripping tap wastes up to 76 litres of water. A bucket can be placed under the tap until it is fixed. The collected water can be used for other purposes.
- Residents are encouraged to replace all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components with water efficient parts or technologies.
- Use a bucket to collect water from the shower while you're waiting for the water to warm up.
- Re-use water. Grey water, which is water used for other household purposes, can be re-used for a number of purposes such as watering the garden.
- Closing the tap when you are brushing your teeth can save up to six litres of water per minute.
- Do not flush the toilet unnecessarily as the toilet uses about six litres of water every time you flush.

Water leaks and pipe bursts should be reported quickly and accurately in order for them to be repaired timeously. Residents are encouraged to report water and sewerage leaks to [044 302 6331](tel:0443026331). For water saving tips visit the municipality's website <http://www.knysna.gov.za/be-water-wise>.

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