



SAVE OR QUEUE



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Dear resident

Live the 50-litre life to avoid Day Zero

Firstly, we would like to thank those residents who have heeded the call to adopt water-saving behaviour as part of their daily routines. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Every household in greater Knysna is surely aware of the current water crisis facing our town. While the constant media coverage may have led to a degree of desensitisation, it is important to stress that Day Zero is a real and imminent risk. The only way to push it back, or avoid it altogether, is by maintaining momentum and committing to living the 50-litre life.

What does using 50 litres or less per person per day look like? By following these simple rules every day, we can make a meaningful difference:

1. Only flush toilets when necessary and, where possible, use greywater.
Remember: “if it’s yellow, let it mellow.”
2. Fit flow restrictors on indoor taps and install low-flow showerheads.
Limit showers to two minutes.
3. Find and fix leaks immediately, no matter how small.
4. Only run washing machines and dishwashers with full loads.

What happens if we fail to change our behaviour?

If consumption does not decrease, Day Zero will become our reality. This means:

- water shedding and long queues at water collection points;
- the municipal water reticulation system being shut down to prevent total system collapse;
- dry taps at homes and businesses; and
- residents having to collect a limited daily water ration from designated distribution points.

Our current water consumption remains critically high, far above the target of 8 000 kilolitres per day. On 1 February, consumption peaked at 14 000 kilolitres, nearly double the daily target.

Avoiding Day Zero is still possible, but the window to act is narrow.

For additional information and water-saving resources, please visit:
www.knysna.gov.za/news/water-dayzero/.

Together, through responsible daily actions, we can protect Knysna’s water future and avoid Day Zero.

Kind regards
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