

Halve your water use to avoid Day Zero

Dear **business stakeholders**,

Due to your water-saving efforts and declining water use from the agricultural sector, Day Zero has been moved out to **11 May 2018**.

However, the only way we can push it out further is if we all keep up the momentum and “live the 50 litre life” and drop commercial water use by 45%, as per level 6b water restrictions.

Level 6b water restrictions came into effect from 1 February, with the following impact:

- Residents to use 50 litres per day; across home, work, school or elsewhere.
- Commercial properties need to reduce usage by 45% compared with the corresponding period in 2015 (pre-drought).
- Agricultural users need to reduce usage by 60% compared with the corresponding period in 2015 (pre-drought).

[Full level 6b water restrictions guidelines](#), including new guidelines for borehole and well-point use.

PLEASE NOTE

- The [new water and sanitation tariff](#) structures that came into effect on 1 February 2018.
- New National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) [guidelines for groundwater use](#).

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO

- [Day Zero Dashboard](#) – indicates date from when we may have to start queueing for water. Updated every Monday.
- [City of Cape Town Water Dashboard](#) showing dam levels and water usage. Updated every Monday
- [City Dam Levels Model](#) – The Dam Levels Model is a macro-enabled spreadsheet which contains simplified dam level data so that you can stay informed about current water levels. Updated weekly.
- [Water Saving Toolkits](#) – water and drought-related materials e.g. posters and guides
- [How to save water in your business or organisation](#), including a building water usage poster and guide.
- [Summary Guidelines for Alternative Water Installations](#), and [apply here](#) to install and use such systems.
- [Water Outlook 2018 Report](#) and [Water Outlook 2018 Presentation](#) – produced by the City of Cape Town Water and Sanitation Department. Updated ad-hoc.
- [Day Zero and Water-related FAQs](#)
- [Water Rationing Guide](#)
- [Safe Use of Greywater booklet](#) – how to use greywater safely at home or work.

- [All drought-related City of Cape Town media releases](#)

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PARTNER SITES AND RESOURCES

- [110% Green Western Cape](#) for additional resources e.g. [suppliers of water saving technologies and services](#). Please note that this is not an endorsement of these suppliers and/or services.
- [GreenCape](#) has a [drought business support service](#) and runs regular workshops.
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF) [#WATERSHEDWEDNESDAY](#) and the series of [Wednesday Water Files](#).

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