

CITY OF CAPE TOWN

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Dam levels show only slight increase amid warmer weather

Dam levels rose only slightly by 0,3% over the last week to 76,2 % of storage capacity.

The average water consumption for the past week increased from 520 million litres per day to 546 million litres per day.

Level 5 water restrictions and tariffs are in place and were lowered from Level 6 as an interim measure to provide some relief to residents. For now, Cape Town must do its very best to remain in the lower 500 million litre per day usage band until another limit is imposed by the National Department of Water and Sanitation. This is likely to happen in December.

The permitted usage under Level 5 restrictions is 70 litres per person per day.

Level 5 restriction don'ts

- No watering/irrigation with municipal water is allowed. Nurseries or customers involved in agricultural activities, or those with gardens of historical significance, may apply for exemption
- No topping up (manual or automatic) of swimming pools with municipal drinking water is allowed
- No washing of vehicles, including cars, taxis, trailers, caravans or boats allowed with municipal drinking water
- No washing or hosing down of hard surfaces with municipal water
- The use of municipal drinking water for ornamental fountains or water features is prohibited
- All private swimming pools must be fitted with a cover
- The use of any portable or temporary play pools is prohibited
- Should borehole/well-point water be used for outdoor purposes, including garden use, topping up of swimming pools and hosing down of surfaces, it should only be done for a maximum of one hour on Tuesdays and Saturdays before 09:00 and after 18:00. However, the City discourages the use of this water for these purposes to prevent the over-abstraction of aquifers
- The operation of spray parks is prohibited
- No new landscaping or sports fields may be established except if irrigated only with non-drinking water

Please visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater for all water-related information, such as the Level 5 guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions.