



## **EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

### **MEDIA STATEMENT: WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

Water conservation is a practice in which people, companies, and the government attempt to reduce their water usage. The Witbank Dam is currently sitting on an average level of 89.9% end of August as we come from winter & dry season. However, the municipality is restricted by the Water Use License to abstract a certain limit of raw water volumes daily, it is therefore very crucial to conserve the limited purified water to save Emalahleni not to face drought as we enter the Spring season that has high water demand.

#### **7 Easy Ways to Save Water This Spring**

- Water your yard in the morning or evening. Water evaporates quickly when the sun is high, so sprinkle when it's more likely to stay in the soil. ...
- Check for leaks with the toilet test. ...
- Shorten your shower. ...
- Use the dishwasher. ...
- Cover the pool. ...
- Use the bucket to wash a car. ...
- Get a rain barrel.

There is a lot of water wasted on leaking toilets, old corroded galvanised pipes, leaking taps, and geysers, unfortunately, that water would have passed the meter and counted the readings as consumption resulting in huge bills. Residents with Jojo tanks must ensure that they are installed with non-return valves. We, therefore, plead that every household does random checks of their plumbing system, a water meter should not run without anyone consuming water. Water is essential to life and while the whole world is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic by keeping our hands clean by washing them regularly, we are urged to continue doing so in a responsible manner, use water more sparingly and efficiently to keep us all hygienically clean to stop the spread of the virus.

