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Emalahleni Local Municipality (ELM) is a Water Services Authority (WSA) and Water Services Provider (WSP) within the area of its jurisdiction, mandated by the Water Services Act 108 of 1997, the National Water Act 36 of 1998, and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa ACT 108 of 1996. ELM has the responsibility of implementing Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WCWDM) Strategy that was developed and adopted by council to conserve, protect, promote, control, and manage the most valuable precious water resources. The municipality is participating in the No Drop Certification program to sustain and improve the performance of the WSA on Water Demand Management based on a suite of criteria and a range of Key Performance Areas formulated by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in line with acts governing the use of water, and it provides information and comprehension of the WSA's planning regime, current status, and performance on key areas pertaining to water use efficiency against basic regulation and best management practices.

According to the DWS media statement report published on 13 August 2024, the average dam levels in the province recorded a further drop from last week's 91.2% to 90.7%. Water levels also dropped in the water management areas, with the Olifants WMA dropping from 81.7% to 81.2%. The report also shows that the three districts of the Mpumalanga Province also recorded declines in water levels, with Nkangala dropping from 93.9% to 93.4%. This is as a result of the decline of rainfall levels within the region and climate change that is taking place. The communities of eMalahleni are urged by the municipality to use water sparingly as the season is about to change and be accountable for their water consumption by making payment of services received to sustainable continuous provision of potable water supply.

The following are tips to conserve water in our households during this transition seasonal change: -

-  **Do not over-water plants and lawns.**
Avoid water runoff into streets and gutters.
-  **For best results, try morning watering**
Evaporation loss is at a minimum.
-  **Avoid washing down paved areas**
Sweep driveway and sidewalks instead.
-  **Invest in drought-tolerant landscaping**
It requires less watering to keep your landscape healthy.
-  **Use a drip irrigation system**
This reduces run-off and promotes deep rooting.





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