

Conservation of water is key

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Water is life. It is central to every aspect of life, and every living creature needs water to survive. Basically, we cannot live without water as it has no substitute.

South Africa is a water-scarce country and climate change is having a negative effect on water availability and water resources. As we need water to survive, the onus lies with us to ensure that the available water and water resources are sustainable to keep providing us with the source of life. We need to play our part in ensuring water supply security - it is in our hands.

The best way to ensure water supply security for our current and future generations is basically for us to be responsible citizens and water users. We need to treat water with the utmost respect it deserves as the source of life has no substitute. We need to have a positive mindset towards water, which will lead to positive actions and behaviour preventing the wastage and loss of precious water in our communities.

Water conservation is the key to water supply security. Everyone can conserve water, from individuals in households to businesses and industries. We need to reduce our water consumption and use enough water for that particular purpose, like not filling the kettle to the brim just for one cup of tea. Water can be used multiple times before it becomes unfit for use, so let us reuse water, like using grey water for flushing toilets and to water our plants. Water recycling also helps to conserve water as the same water is used again and again, which relieves the stress on water systems and water resources. Businesses and industries can recycle the water they use and reuse without always tapping into the municipal system.

If our mindset is focused on water conservation, we will always use water wisely and sparingly as we will always remember that every drop counts.

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