

IT IS that time of the year when we get excited with the beginning of the warm weather and the arrival of spring.

Yesterday we celebrated Spring Day but it is important that as we celebrate the beginning of the season, we do so in a more responsible manner.

In the past, people have celebrated the advent of spring playing with water and which results in water wastage.

Playing with water is simply like throwing precious litres of clean and purified water down the drain.

As water levels in the dams, rivers and streams continue to drop, it is

Celebrate spring but remain water-wise

about time that we started behaving responsibly, stopped wasting precious water and ensured that each and every drop counts as water has no substitute. We need every drop, especially as we continue the fight against Covid-19.

South Africa is a water-scarce country and with climate change upon us, water security must be a major priority for everyone.

This calls for each and every individual to be responsible and use the available water wisely, sparingly and in a more conservative manner. Playing with precious water in

the name of welcoming spring defeats the cause and leads to water shortages as spring also brings warm weather leading to increased evaporation rates in our water resources. Increased evaporation leads to loss of precious water leaving us with less water.

Crucial for preventing water wastage is understanding the value of water. It is central to life and the catalyst for socio-economic development. Without it, there is no life. It is critical that we understand the value of each and every drop of water from an early age. It is

therefore important for adults to teach their children about the value of water and to emphasise the importance of water conservation for them to be responsible citizens and ensure water security.

As we celebrate spring, let's remember that coronavirus is still around, hence it is crucial we continue to behave and act in a more responsible way to be safe.

Water is life, so let's be responsible and use it in a conservative manner for water security for current and future generations.

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