

# Let's save water to leave a lasting legacy

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We all want to leave our mark in this world, to know that our life mattered. What does it mean to leave a legacy?

It means putting a stamp on the future, and making a contribution to future generations. We want to leave a legacy because we want to feel that our life mattered.

We celebrate Heritage Month from September 1 to September 30 annually. This month honours the various cultures and diversities in our country, from the 11 official languages, our cuisine, music and creative expressions of our historical inheritance.

The question is, what is the significance of Heritage Month?

The events of Heritage Month are important in that they broadcast a nationwide identity, foster reconciliation and cultivate the notion that

differences can be used as assets as opposed to tools of conflict.

This is the drive that led late and former president Nelson Mandela and his government to make September 24 a public holiday to celebrate Heritage Day.

According to him, the rich yet varied cultural heritage of South African people, could help rebuild the newly reformed nation.

In addition, the country would collectively seek to fight the evils instigated by the ousted apartheid regime.

The new regime knew that this could only be achieved if the people came together as one.

When we work together, even small personal actions when put together can make a big difference, helping us to overcome huge challenges.

Communities have shown that they can act to address a crisis. With

government, the private sector and individuals taking measures and changing behaviours in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have proven that working together is significant.

Therefore, deciding on saving water as our legacy requires us living in a way that we want to be remembered.



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their homes**

Our country has a fast-growing population where the demand of clean and sufficient water is increasing every day.

Therefore, we should use water sparingly at all times as part of our legacy.

The challenge of water scarcity has rapidly increased, as is confirmed by the rise of costs. The solution to this is to save water in our homes.

We must take shorter showers and turn off the shower after bathing. Reducing your toilet flush volume also plays a vital role in saving water for future generations.

Hence, saving water should come naturally. Parents should educate their children about the simple water-saving methods around homes.

Saving water does not require major lifestyle changes either – changing a few small habits can go a long way towards making the world a better place!

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