

Welcome spring in a responsible manner

SPRING marks the beginning of warm weather and we get excited and celebrate in different ways.

As we celebrate Spring Day on September 1, it is important that we do so in a more responsible manner and desist from wasting precious water as every drop counts, especially as

water levels continue to drop in the watercourses.

South Africa is a dry and water-scarce country where every drop counts as water has no substitute, and this makes it critical that we always practise water conservation and use the available water wisely and sparingly in everything we do.

Playing with precious water in the name of welcoming spring defeats the water conservation cause and leads to water losses and shortages.

It has been seen in the past that one of the ways that people celebrate the advent of Spring is playing with water and thereby wasting water.

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

Pouring water on each other in the name of welcoming spring on Spring Day might look cool, but it adds to water wastage and contributes to the

loss of precious water which we cannot afford as one of the 30 driest countries in the world.

Let us be responsible and not waste water. Spring is high time that we must strengthen water conservation initiatives as it comes with hot temperatures associated with high evaporation, leading to less water availability.

With climate change upon us, it is everyone’s responsibility to prevent water losses and to contribute to sustainable water supply.

Everyone can play a part in water security by using water wisely and sparingly through fixing leaks and reporting bulk pipeline leaks to the relevant authorities, not leaving the tap to run while washing your face or brushing your teeth, filling kettles with just enough water for the specific need, and using a bucket to wash a car.

The most critical element of preventing water wastage is to understand

the value of water.

Water is central to life and the catalyst for socio-economic development. Without water, there is basically no life as water has no substitute.

It is therefore critical that we all understand the value of each and every drop of water and strengthen water conservation in everything we do.

Always remember that the future and water security is in everyone’s hands, therefore it is crucial to always act and behave in a responsible manner to ensure sustainable water supply for the current and future generations.

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