

## Always conserve and use water wisely

MARCH, the National Water Month, is coming to an end, but this doesn't mean that we must take the foot off the pedal in terms of water conservation and wise water use.

South Africa, after all, is a water-scarce country where every drop counts for water security for the current and future generations.

With population growth comes increased demand for water as people and the economy require water for survival. Water is life and nothing can live without water, so it is important that we always take care of our water resources and use the available water in a sparing and wise manner to ensure that everyone has access to the source of life.

Wise water use is key to water security, especially in a water-scarce country like South Africa. We need always to behave and act in a responsible way in relation to water use and the water resources. Water loss is one of the major challenges in our country and we can only address this challenge through responsible behaviour.

We need to be responsible and fix all leaks in our households, report and push municipalities to prioritise pipe bursts and leaks in the bulk lines to prevent the loss of precious water, as

every drop counts.

Most parts of the country received good rains over the rainy season but that does not mean we can throw caution to the wind and forget about water conservation. Water conservation is key to sustainable and reliable water supply, so we must practise it every day and in everything we do.

Being a responsible citizen means taking care of the water resources and protecting them, especially from pollution, as pollution reduces the amount of water fit for use.

Pollution affects the quality of water, thereby reducing the quantity of water, so we need to prevent the pollution of our water resources as we cannot afford to lose precious water to pollution.

Let us always be conservative in our water use to ensure sustainable and reliable supply for our current and future generations in our water-scarce country.

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