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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Western Cape residents urged to continue use water sparingly

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The Western Cape Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) urges citizens to use water sparingly. This follows significant downpours across the province in the last four months. According to Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa, DWS Western Cape Provincial Head, the hot summer dry weather is consistent with high water usage, posing a threat to water security.

According to the recent report on the status of dam levels, all river catchments across the Western Cape Province are above 90%, with the Western Cape Water Supply System and Berg River Catchment over 100%. According to Bila-Mupariwa, these levels were last recorded in 2021.

### Some dam levels in the Western Cape Province:

Theewaterskloof Dam	102,25%
Berg River Dam	100,08%
Clanwilliam Dam	95,37%
Gamka Dam	80,94%
Wolwedans	99,43%

The Western Cape province receives the bulk of its rainfall in winter, while the Southern Cape receives rainfall all year round. The summer months in the rest of the province is generally dry and hot. It is for this reason that the Department urges citizens to continue to use water sparingly. "Every drop counts, water use efficiency is everyone's responsibility," Bila-Mupariwa concludes.

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