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Johannesburg Water officials roll up their sleeves in a fight against water wastage

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Johannesburg Water officials have rolled up their sleeves in a war against water wastages that result from flushing toilets.

This new drive comes after the Department of Water and Sanitation officials imparted their knowledge during the Drop a Block training on Wednesday, 01 March 2017.

The training will assist the officials to limit excessive water consumptions in their communities.

This training was provided to over 50 officials who represented 11 Johannesburg Water depots and 6 Waste Water Treatment Works. The representatives will assist in facilitating the Drop a Block programme in their communities and will also help to educate colleagues at their various work stations.

According to David Molema, who is the Public Educator at Johannesburg Water, it is very important for them to educate their staff members about this programme as most of them work directly with the public and play a key role in educating the public about water conservation.

“We will be rolling out the Drop a Block campaign during the National Water Week; we want you to assist us in educating the communities about this programme in your communities”, said Molema.

The Drop a Block is an initiative by DWS to decrease water consumption by up to 2 litres per flush as a result of a green block insertion into a toilet cistern. The programme is currently being rolled-out country-wide in areas with high water wastage and areas that are still using the old 9 litre toilet cisterns.

During her presentation, Ms Sylvia Rikhotso from DWS emphasized that the green blocks belong in the cistern not anywhere else. She discouraged people who use the blocks for other purposes such as door stoppers at their houses.

“These blocks are meant to reduce the amount of water when flushing a toilet. When properly inserted it can help reduce about 2 liters of water per single flush,” Rikhotso added.

Mrs Prisca Monyemangene, a Johannesburg Water official who welcomed the initiative, said as much as people are trying hard to conserve water amid the drought situation that has hit the country, this innovation will assist in making sure that the communities continue to conserve water as much as possible.

“I know our country does not have enough water, hence I have decided to make water saving my business. If all the communities can become recipients of these blocks the country will save lots of water that is being wasted when flushing toilets,” said Monyemangene.

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