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STOP SEWER SPILLAGES

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Sewerage spillages in most parts of the country are a serious health and environmental hazard. The sewerage spillages pose a serious threat to the environment through pollution, especially water resources in terms of quality.

Let us be responsible citizens and assist our municipalities and government in providing the services through the limited resources we have. As we all know that communities have grown but most sewer plants remain the same, we are called upon to play our part in the upkeep of systems.

Communities need to ensure that we do not dump foreign objects into sewer systems as this leads to blockages which cause most of the spillages we experience.

Municipalities also need to play their part in ensuring that sewerage plants and systems are well maintained.

We all need to come and work together and protect our sewerage infrastructure from vandalism to ensure that we minimise sewer spillages.

South Africa is a water scarce country, therefore we need to join forces and prevent sewerage spillages that negatively affect the quality of our limited water resources.

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