

## GET IN TOUCH

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### Treatment Works

**NORTHERN FREE STATE**  
Balkfontein  
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**CENTRAL FREE STATE**  
Modder River Region  
Orange River Region  
Caledon River Region

**NORTHERN CAPE**  
Namakwa  
Henkries  
Vaal Gamagara  
Pelladrift

## WATER SAVING TIPS



## In and around the house / business

- Turn the tap off between washing your face, brushing your teeth, or shaving.
- Taking a five-minute shower, a day, instead of a bath, will use a third of the water used bathing in a bathtub, saving up to 400 litres a week.
- Showering can use up to 20 litres of water per minute.
- If you prefer to bath, don't fill up the bathtub.
- Taking a bath can use between 80 and 150 litres of water per bath.
- Use low-flow showerheads, dual-flush toilet mechanisms and water-efficient washing machines.
- Kettles should not be filled to the brim but with just enough water for your needs. This will reduce your electricity bill too.
- Don't over-fill containers like cooking pots, as this may result in using more energy to heat the water.
- Reducing the toilet flush volume alone can save 20% of total water consumption. This can be done by putting a 2-litre cold drink bottle, filled with water and a little sand to add weight, into the cistern.
- Fix a leaking toilet otherwise it can waste up to 100 000 litres of water in one year.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects, and other waste in the trash rather than the toilet. Every time you flush the toilet, 12 litres of water is used.
- Use 'grey water' - used water from baths, washing machines and other safe sources - to flush your toilet



## In the garden

- Always water your plants during the early morning hours or in the evening, when temperatures are cooler. Between 10:00 and 15:00 one can lose up to 90% of water to evaporation.
- Every time you boil an egg, save the cooled water for your houseplants. They'll benefit from the nutrients released from the shell.
- Focus on indigenous and non-water-consumptive alien plants (but not invasive alien plants).
- Group plants according to their water needs and to mulch around them.
- Water gardens less frequently, but water well. Using a garden hose could use as much as 30 litres of water per minute.
- Remove invasive alien plants on your property.
- Roof water can also be profitably stored in tanks, for watering gardens.
- Use 'grey water' - used water from baths, washing machines and other safe sources - to water your garden