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Residents urged to report water wastage

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The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Water and Sanitation is calling on residents to increase their efforts to save water and to take responsibility by reporting water leaks in their communities. The loss of water through leakages or burst pipes affects everyone and increases the demand unnecessarily.

Municipalities rely on citizens to tirelessly execute their responsibility of reporting the leaks. These alerts are imperative as they reduce water loss significantly and municipalities are quick to attend to such areas and minimise the effects caused by broken sewer or water pipelines. The municipality resources are then managed optimally, and because it has a direct financial impact on water tariffs, residents can actually see the benefit.

Residents use an average of 859-million litres per day. Some of the dams in the province are currently sitting at a low of 24%. Unless a drastic improvement is observed, more serious restrictions, including a blanket ban on watering gardens or filling pools, will need to be applied.

By making few minor adjustments to normal behaviors, a massive impact on the sustainability of our country's fresh water supply is secured. Everyone has to be mindful of the little water that is available and use it efficiently before it runs out altogether.

Residents can contact their municipality 24 hours a day and seven days a week to report water leaks.

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