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Water restrictions in Free State still in place

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to remind the residents of Mangaung that water restrictions which were imposed are still in place until further notice.

In August 2016, DWS issued a gazette on water restrictions and Mangaung is one of the Cities affected by this decision. Level 3 water restrictions was imposed by the municipality that water supply should be reduced by 30%.

The department would like to emphasise that only Minister Nomvula Mokonyane can officially lift water restrictions after another gazette has been published. That decision would only be taken after the Minister would have satisfied herself that the water situation in the area has become steady.

The winter season is steadily on its way and this means that some parts of the country will receive little or no rains and this reality will have adverse effects on our dam reserves. Currently the main dams supplying Mangaung are sitting as follows:

Rustfontein: 41.1%

Welbedacht: 91.9%

Groothoek: 18.3%

Knellpoort: 56.4%

All dams in the Free State are concurrently sitting at 85% and have decreased by 0.3% since last week.

All residents are encouraged to continue preserving water especially during the dry winter months. Report leaks that occur in the community to the local municipality immediately and also try to fix those that occur in the household. Try by all means to reuse water, water used to wash dishes or clothes can be used to water the garden.

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