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Western Cape needs rain to increase dam levels

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This week, the combined average dam levels comprising of the Western Cape Water Supply System as reported on a weekly basis is at 23.53% as assessed by the Department of Water and Sanitation. DWS calls on all water users to reduce their water consumption in order to have water till the next rainy season.

DWS Western Cape Provincial Head Mr Rashid Khan says water wastage will not be tolerated or condoned and it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that water is conserved. We wish to remind water users that we need to change our water behaviour. The department calls on all water users to adhere to water restrictions imposed by different municipalities in the province.

The Province is in the grip of a debilitating drought that is affecting food production even here in the Western Cape Province. Water restrictions imposed by different municipalities apply to all residents within the municipalities. Restrictions are imposed to encourage water users to use less water.

Water users are encouraged to use water sparingly as the need to save water continues. According to weather services, the coming few days in the Western Cape will be very hot, causing more evaporation.

The department will continue to work with municipalities to monitor the situation and holds hands with citizens in efforts of trying to save water that is becoming increasingly limited.

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