



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Free State dam levels slightly decreases

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Overall dam levels in the Free State Province this week sit at 96.1% compared with 97.0% last week. This is according to the dam level report that was issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on 29 May 2018. The steady decline is due to the lack of rainfall in the winter season.

Water use in winter time naturally declines due to people not watering plants and also not using pools during this season.

Kalkfontein Dam is currently sitting at 35.1% while recording at 35.3% last week. Sterkfontein Dam is at 96.2 same as last week, Gariep last week was 98.9% and this week is at 96.3% and Krugersdrift Dam saw a decrease of 0.2% recording at 98.2% this week, the dam was at 98.4% last week. Groothoek Dam decreased from 57.6% last week to 57.4% this week. Rustfontein Dam decreased from 48.5 % last week to 48.0% this week.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is appealing to all water users including businesses across the spectrum to use water sparingly and where applicable to adhere to water restrictions. The approaching winter season is also a time when pipe bursts can be anticipated in our homes as well as in the main pipe lines. Communities are urged to fix leaks and burst pipes in and around their home. Pipe burst from the main line should be reported to the local municipality or to DWS Walk in Centre at 0800 200 200.

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