

### **Drakenstein Municipality relaxes water restrictions:**

Drakenstein residents can now use hosepipes and micro irrigation systems after Drakenstein Municipality relaxed the current Level 3 water restrictions on 1 March 2019. Residents are allowed to use 180 litres of water per person per day, while the municipal tariffs remain the same.

Some of the restriction conditions applying to all water consumers are:

- **Watering / irrigation** of gardens, lawns, flowerbeds and other plants, vegetable gardens, sports fields, parks and other open spaces is allowed only by using a bucket, watering container or handheld hosepipe before 10:00 and after 16:00, and watering is only allowed twice per week in allocated slots. Automatic sprinkler systems are also allowed.
  
- **Common areas at gated villages**, sports facilities, schools, learning institutions, nurseries as well as consumers involved in agricultural activities, users of historical gardens and arboretums can apply to the Executive Director: Engineering Services at [dirk.hattingh@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:dirk.hattingh@drakenstein.gov.za) for exemption from the above. The same applies to consumers with special requirements (such as care facilities and animal shelters).
  
- **Consumers who were exempted** from previous restriction levels, need not apply for exemptions.
  
- **No watering / irrigation** is allowed within 48 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation, except if the facilities or consumers use boreholes, treated effluent water, spring water or well points.
  
- **Washing or rinsing of vehicles**, motorcycles or motorboats, movable or immovable structures, paths, pavements and pave areas (except for health purposes), is allowed only by using a bucket of water container or a handheld hosepipe, fitted with an automatic self-closing device.
  
- **Topping up or filling of swimming pools** with municipal drinking water is allowed only if the pool is fitted with a non-permeable solid pool cover. Automatic pool top-up systems are allowed. Water wise pool management, including rainwater top-up and the recovery of backwash water, is strongly encouraged.