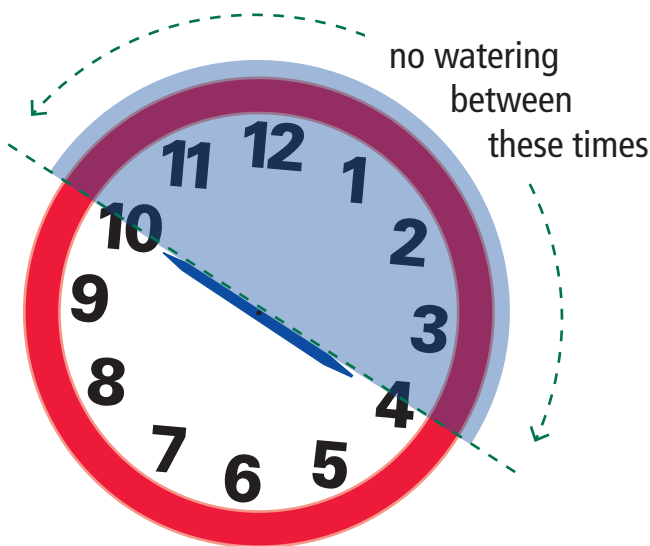


It's Time to Comply



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CITY NOW HAS TWO NEW WATER BY-LAWS?

A water by-law and a wastewater and industrial effluent by-law were promulgated on 1 September 2006. Apart from incorporating a permanent 10% saving through restrictive measures contained in a water demand management schedule, there are a few new things that have to be complied with that you may not know.



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1. WATER BY-LAW

The water by-law will ensure that potable water is utilised with respect and care, encouraging behavioural change and ensuring that "saving water is a way of life". Water restrictions are temporary measures to ensure a fair and adequate supply of water resources to all during times of severe shortage, but by-laws are a permanent part of our lives, and therefore we all need to be aware of our responsibilities contained in the by-laws.

No person may waste water, either negligently or purposefully by allowing water to be discharged from terminal water fittings; permitting pipes or water fittings to leak; using fittings that are incorrectly adjusted or defective; permitting an overflow of water to persist; inefficiently using water or allowing inefficient use of water to persist.

All installation work must be carried out by a qualified and accredited plumber, and the onus is upon the property owner to ensure that the installation work is carried out by a qualified plumber and complies with this by-law.

All owners and consumers must comply with the good water conservation and demand practices as set out in Schedule 2 of the by-law.

Water Demand Management Schedule

Schedule 2 contains 18 points. Whilst all 18 are important, here is a selection of the main ones, which have been shortened and re-written to be more user-friendly:

- When watering a garden, sportsfield, park or other grassed area using potable water, please do so before 10:00 or after 16:00 and hosepipes must be fitted with a controlling device such as a sprayer
- Hosepipes used for washing cars, boats and caravans must be fitted with an automatic self-closing device
- Commercial car wash industries must re-cycle a minimum of 50% of the water used in operations
- Potable water may not be used to dampen building sand and other material to prevent it from being blown away
- Toilet cisterns may not exceed 9.5 litres in capacity
- The maximum flow rate from any showerhead may not exceed 10 litres per minute
- The maximum flow rate from any tap installed in a wash basin may not exceed 6 litres per minute

2. WASTEWATER AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT BY-LAW

- No discharge of rainwater to the sewer is permitted
- The disposal of pesticides, insecticides, weed killers, motor and vegetable oils, acids, paints, organic flammable solvents (turpentine, thinners etc,) to the sewer or stormwater (rainwater) system is not allowed
- Disposal of the above can be arranged by contacting the City's Solid Waste Management Branch at 021 487 2911
- Clearing of blocked private sewers can be arranged by Council at the owner's cost.
- Clearing of blocked private sewers due to a fault or blockage in the municipal sewer will be undertaken by Council at no cost

You may read the complete by-laws on the City of Cape Town's website at www.capetown.gov.za/water. Further information on the new water bylaws may be obtained from the Water Services Technical Operations Centre on 0860 10 30 54 or email: WaterTOC@capetown.gov.za