

City prepares for water cuts

WATER restrictions will soon be imposed in Durban and surrounding areas, due to a major reservoir being shut down from 12 to 19 October, for inspection and maintenance.

The Durban Heights Reservoir Hills Reservoir is commissioning for a new booster pump station, designed to augment the supply of water to the Northern areas currently experiencing water shortages.

This shutdown affects areas north of the Umgeni River and

central areas between the Umgeni and Umlazi Rivers.

Water will still be available and people are urged to use water wisely during this period, as supply will be restricted.

The reservoir will receive 30 per cent less than its current water demand from bulk supplier, Umgeni Water.

People are cautioned not to wash cars, water gardens, fill swimming pools and waste water. It's advisable to shower instead of bathing and close the tap

when brushing teeth.

Restriction is for one week as the reservoir is drained. Households receiving water may experience slight turbidity in the water.

According to officials at the reservoir, it is not a matter of panic as on-going water quality tests will ensure water is safe to drink. Areas experiencing water interruptions will be assisted by municipal water tankers.

Contact the toll free number 080 131 3013.

