

Reservoir to shut down

The eThekweni Municipality water department will be shutting down a major reservoir, the Durban Heights Reservoir, for inspection, maintenance and the commissioning of a new booster pump station from October 12-19

This booster pump station has been designed to augment the supply of water to the Northern areas including Phoenix which is currently experiencing water shortages.

According to officials from the eThekweni Municipality, water will be available and an appeal is made to the community to use water sparingly during this period, as the supply of water will be restricted.

Since the eThekweni council will be receiving 30 percent less than the normal current water demand from the bulk supplier, Umgeni Water, a special request is being made to all citizens by the municipality to avoid excessive usage of water by not washing your cars regularly and for pool owners to not fill their swimming pools.

“This restriction is for a period of one week from October, 12 -19. During the shutdown, the main reservoir will be drained and they may experience slight turbidity in the water when they open their taps. The public need not be concerned as on-going water quality tests will be conducted to ensure that the water is safe to drink,” said ward 50 Cllr Solly Singh

Areas which experience water interruptions will be assisted by water tankers and if larger areas are affected then many water collection points will be made available and communities will be informed. Members of the public who may have any queries can call the eThekweni Municipality Water Department on toll free number 0801313 013

