

WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Change is upon us, use water sparingly.

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Umgeni Water is urging everyone to use water sparingly to ensure water for all. Water is a precious resource that sustains life. Therefore, everyone has a responsibility to protect and respect water resources such as rivers, dams and wetlands. The basic human right to access clean water should be realised. Preventing misuse of water and the polluting of rivers and wetlands is a fundamental responsibility of every citizen.

Did You Know?



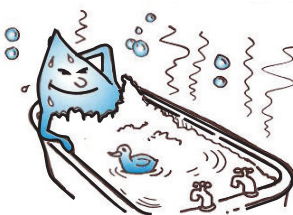
The toilet is one of the biggest sources of leaks in the home and it wastes up to 100 000 litres of water a year



Building houses close to rivers, wetlands and dams makes people vulnerable to floods.



Littering and illegal dumping pollute water sources.



Taking 2 baths at a depth of 150mm uses 180l of water whereas a 5 minute shower uses 70l.



Collect rainwater to water gardens, to use in toilet and to wash, so to save potable water.

South Africa is ranked as one of the 30 driest countries in the world with an annual average average rainfall of 464mm. This affects the amount of water collected in dams. Currently out of eighteen dams operated by Umgeni Water, four dams across Umgeni Water's catchment area are running at a capacity of below 50% while two dams are running under 60% capacity.