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Intensification of water restrictions to business

New water restrictions have been implemented with immediate effect in order to make sure that everyone has water even if the taps have run dry in some areas, and that some degree of potable water supply is maintained. The consumers are therefore once again reminded and urged to please use water sparingly during this difficult period of drought.

Consumers should take note that the following water restrictions are in place until further notice;

- No watering of gardens
- No filling of swimming pools
- No use of sprinkler systems
- No washing of vehicles using hosepipes at home
- No illegal or unmetered car wash businesses allowed
- Water supply will be closed at certain times for both business and domestic consumers

Business consumers including car wash businesses are requested to implement innovative water saving measures such as recycling of used water, etc. As part of intensifying water restrictions, high volume water users such as car wash and car dealership businesses are requested not to wash cars for a period of two days a week.

This request applies to car wash business in all towns, townships and rural areas across uThukela District Municipality. Car wash and car dealership businesses situated in towns such as Ladysmith, Estcourt, Winterton, Bergville and Weenen are prohibited from washing cars on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. Car wash businesses operating in townships and rural areas are prohibited from washing cars on Mondays and Wednesdays every week. Intensified restrictions will come into effect from 27th of November 2017.

Any person who contravenes water restrictions will be liable to a fine of R 2000.00 in terms of Section 57 of the Water Services By-Laws of the uThukela District Municipality. The situation remains critical and communities are therefore also requested and advised to use water

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sparingly during this trying period of drought. It must be quantified that plans are in place to supply water tankers in most affected areas. We will monitor the situation and keep the community updated of the latest developments.

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