

# BUFFALO CITY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

**SERIOUS DROUGHT - DAM LEVELS ARE CRITICALLY LOW**

# ACT NOW. SAVE WATER

**STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS FROM 01 JANUARY 2020**

**WATER RESTRICTION STAGES (PERCENTAGES OF WATER TO BE SAVED)**

STAGE 1: 10%

STAGE 2: 20%

**STAGE 3: 35%**

STAGE 4: 50%



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## RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES - STAGE 3

Target Annual Reduction Relative to Water Conservation Measures - 35%

### RESTRICTIONS ON USE

<b>1. Private gardens and lawns; commercial nurseries, market gardens and turf-growing businesses</b>	Gardens and lawns must be watered using non-potable water. Watering/irrigation with municipal drinking water is allowed only before 09:00 or after 18:00 for a maximum of 30 minutes per day per property as follows: (a) On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays using dripper, drip line or soaker hose irrigation or using a bucket or watering can (b) On Saturdays using sprinklers or a hosepipe fitted with a self-closing spray nozzle. No other irrigation system may be used. No watering/irrigation with municipal drinking water within 48 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation.
<b>2. Lawns and plants at parks, sports amenities, golf courses and public gardens</b>	External watering of lawns and plants only permitted using non-potable water. No new landscaping or sports fields may be established, except if irrigated only with non-drinking water.
<b>3. Paved areas</b>	No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced or paved areas with municipal drinking water allowed. Water users, such as abattoirs, food processing industries, care facilities, animal shelters and other industries or facilities with special needs (health/safety related only) must apply for exemption.
<b>4. Private ponds and fountains</b>	The use of municipal drinking water for ornamental water fountains or water features is prohibited. Only ponds that support fish may be topped up, and then only using a hand-held hose-fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or a watering can.
<b>5. Public ponds and fountains</b>	The use of municipal drinking water for ornamental water fountains or water features is prohibited. Existing ponds must not be filled or topped up other than with non-potable water. New ponds may not be filled with any water. No fountains may be operated or filled or topped up with any water.
<b>6. Private swimming pools</b>	Pools must not be emptied, filled or topped up without written exemption.
<b>7. Public swimming pools</b>	Pools may not be emptied, filled or topped up without written exemption.
<b>8. Water storage tanks, dams, and lakes.</b>	Must not be filled or topped up other than with non-potable water.
<b>9. Vehicles</b>	Washing vehicles, trailers, caravans and boats with municipal drinking water is only allowed if using a bucket. Washing with non-drinking water or cleaning with waterless products or dry steam cleaning processes is strongly encouraged. Boat motors may be flushed or rinsed with non-potable water after use. Commercial car wash industries must comply with industry best practice norms regarding water usage per car washed and recycle or reuse a minimum of 35% of water used. Informal car washes to use only buckets and not hosepipes.
<b>10. Windows and buildings</b>	No washing unless necessary as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency, provided that building gutters may be cleaned at any time.
<b>11. Construction and related activities</b>	Only non-potable water should be used for construction related activities unless otherwise exempted in writing. Non-potable water should be used for stormwater jetting. Non-potable water should be used for sewer manhole jetting.
<b>12. Public standpipes and ablution blocks</b>	Standpipes will closed and opened at certain times of the day.
<b>13. Water Conservative measures</b>	Customers are strongly encouraged to install water efficient parts, fittings and technologies to minimise water use at all taps, showerheads and other plumbing components. Customers are encouraged to use water saving tips, accessible at BCMM online platforms. Customers with special requirements can apply to the HOD Infrastructure Services for exemption. Customers are required to flush toilets with greywater, rainwater or other non-drinking water. Spray parks to be strictly managed to minimise water use
<b>14. Use of Other Sources of Water</b>	All properties where alternative, non-drinking water resources are used (including rainwater harvesting, greywater, basement water, treated effluent water, spring water and surface water) must display signage to this effect which is clearly visible from a public thoroughfare.
<b>15. Boreholes</b>	Borehole/wellpoint water must be used efficiently to avoid wastage and evaporation. Borehole/wellpoint water users are strongly encouraged to follow the same watering times as applicable to municipal drinking water use detailed above. All City borehole and wellpoint users are expected to comply with all National Department of Water and Sanitation regulations pertaining to borehole/wellpoint usage. Borehole/wellpoint water use must be metered and all users are required to keep records and have these available for inspection. Permission from the National Department of Water and Sanitation is required in order to sell or buy borehole/wellpoint water. All boreholes and wellpoints must be registered with the BCMM and must display the official BCMM signage clearly visible from a public thoroughfare.

### Punitive Tariff 1B applicable to Stage 3

2019/20	Approved Normal Tariff (Inc. VAT)	Approved Punitive Tariff (Inc. VAT)	Tariff Increment in Rands
0 - 6 (Indigents)	Free	Free	R-
0 - 6kl	R17,90	R17,90	R-
7 - 10 kl	R18,25	R18,25	R-
11 - 20 kl	R25,34	R25,34	R-
21 - 30 kl x 5	R32,85	R164,25	R131,40
31+ kl x 5	R41,23	R206,15	R164,92
Bulk / Commercial / Industrial Supply	R25,09	R28,85	R3,76
Schools	R17,76	R18,23	R0,47
Non-Profit Organisations	R17,76	R18,23	R0,47

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