

# CITY OF BULAWAYO



## PERSONAL GUIDE TO WATER CONSERVATION

1. Read your water meter regularly and keep track of your water usage.
2. Make sure you know where your stop cock valve is, so you can shut off water quickly if you have a burst water pipe.
3. Put a solid object e.g. small sealed plastic bottle in the cistern to reduce the amount of water used when flushing. Each flush can use up to 11 litres of water.
4. Make sure the toilet flush handle does not stick after flushing
5. When washing dishes, do not let the water run while rising. Rather use a sink or dish with rinse water.
6. Soak pots and pans before washing them instead of running water while you scrub them.
7. Put a container under house gutters to collect rainwater for watering the garden.
8. Plug the bath tub before turning the water on. Do not run the water down the drain while waiting for it to heat up.
9. Keep showers short and turn off when soaping. A shower uses 10 litres per minute.
10. Turn off the water when you brush your teeth. Use a glass of water instead to rinse after brushing.
11. Teach everyone to turn off taps tightly after use and replace washers when the tap is dripping. A slow dripping tap wastes over 1500 litres (10 bath tubs) of water in a month.
12. Do not turn taps on to the full.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch taps use 9 litres per minute.  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch taps use 15 litres per minute.
13. Do not wash your car with running water hose. Use a bucket. Wash your car on the lawn or another area needing water.
14. Always water your garden or vegetable plot during the evenings when temperatures are cool, to minimize evaporation.
15. Use a bucket to water vegetable gardens instead of hose pipe.
16. Wash your dogs on the lawn

17. More plants die from overwatering than underwatering. Only water your garden when absolutely necessary.
18. Use a layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth and reduce weeds.

**Immediately report any broken pipes, open hydrants or water leaks in your street or suburb to these Bulawayo numbers:**  
***Working Hours; - 60408, 65573. After Hours; - 77331***