



**GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY**

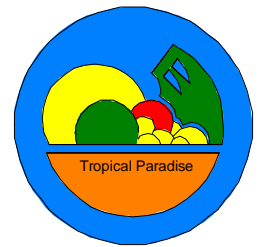
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS**

### **UPDATE OF WATER SHORTAGE IN THE GREATER TZANEEN MUNIICIPALITY**

The water situation in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality has not improved even with the recent rainfall, Tzaneen Dam remains at below 5%. GTM is currently implementing water shedding which took effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2018. This measure has to some extent yielded positive results in delaying day zero, however conditions on the ground dictate that we immediately implement water restrictions.

As a water service provider we are not empowered to implement water restrictions without the authorisation of the water service authority (Mopani District Municipality). We are presently engaging the WSA with a request for authorisation for immediate implementation of water restrictions.

As we finalise the water restriction process, we urge our residents to conserve water by practising the following water saving tips:

- Avoid watering and irrigating gardens.
- Use water can / bucket instead of hosepipe to wash cars.
- Reuse water to water gardens.
- Shorten showering time.
- Use a glass to rinse when brushing your teeth.
- Harvest rainwater for gardening and car wash
- Refrain from washing pavements with hosepipe.

We will continue with water-shedding as a mitigating measure. Water will be turned-off from 9am to 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The municipality will not implement water-shedding on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. This will

affect all residential areas in Tzaneen. The Central Business District will not be affected by water-shedding.

Residents are advised to report leaking water meters, pipe burst, and open hydrants immediately to 015 307 8021/ 8217.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly valued and of great assistance in ensuring continuous water provision to all our residents.

For Immediate release

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