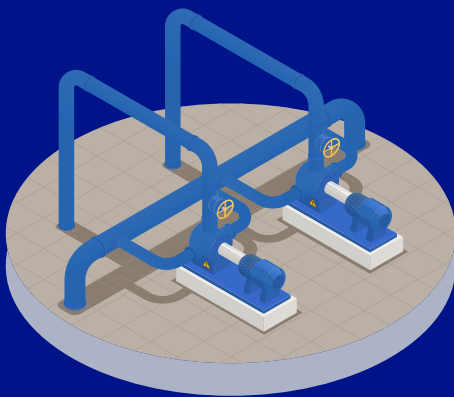


# Load-shedding affects water and sanitation services



Due to Eskom implementing load-shedding, your municipal water and sanitation services might be impacted. We appeal to residents to reduce their water consumption where possible to alleviate the pressure on the water and wastewater treatment networks.

## PUMPING STATION



## 4-ways to ease the pressure during load-shedding:

1. Use water wisely by using less water so that reservoirs can conserve storage.
2. Don't fill your swimming pools, wash vehicles or water gardens during load-shedding periods.
3. Only flush toilets and do washing when necessary. This will help reduce pressure on the sewer network and wastewater treatment works.
4. Report sewer blockages and overflows so they can be cleared in a reasonable time frame, given the current power situation.

## WATER SERVICES

Some water supply areas require pumps to carry water from lower-lying dams and/or boreholes to water treatment works and reservoirs.

Certain areas may experience low pressure or supply disruptions in the event of a power outage affecting these booster water pump stations.

## SANITATION SERVICES

Pump stations run on electricity. Interrupted electricity supply increases the risk of sewage spillage.

Generators have been fitted at some wastewater treatment plants.

Mobile generators are utilized to power smaller pumps in the interim.

Municipalities have limited availability of



## WATER TREATMENT

mobile generators, and some pump-stations might overflow if load-shedding is implemented for longer than two hours at a time.

However, with severe load-shedding i.e. large areas without power, it becomes difficult to prevent overflows, in which case the operational teams do their utmost to contain and clean up such flows.

**We can all help by using water wisely, fixing leaks and following water-savings regulations.**