

STOP WASTING WATER

Water has become horribly expensive and wasted water is just money falling through a hole in your pocket. Perhaps because water tends to be included in the levy occupants seem to think that it is free. People over-water their gardens, refill porta-pools or just don't bother to fix leaking geysers or pipes.

What can be done? The first step would be to separate the water and to charge it out as a separate item based on the participation quota (PQ). If nothing else, this makes owners and tenants aware of the cost of water. In fact, the actual amount that everyone pays will be exactly the same but most people are likely to use less water to the advantage of all.

A fairer system is to install individual water meters. This is not always practical because in blocks of flats, as an example, the supply is typically in a service shaft, which is in the middle of the building. If you can install separate meters it will also mean that those that use the most pay the most. People will very quickly make the owner aware of leaks or fix them for themselves.

Other places where water is wasted:

- Automatic sprinkler systems that water gardens, rain or sunshine.
- Leaking pipes – these can leak underground for years. Ask your plumber to check for you.
- Dripping geysers - check service shafts if you are in a flat.
- Check outside toilets & bathrooms. These can leak for months without anyone noticing.
- Check that your water meter on the pavement is not leaking.
- Have a blitz one morning by checking your entire home for leaks.

These few simple steps can save you lots of money on your water account.

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