

## Bloemfontein energy conservation

Know the Basics before choosing your Water Tank A Water Tank for Rainwater Harvesting is a beneficial addition to any home, whether new or established, and the additional water can give the homeowner freedom from the water restrictions that are in place in many areas of South Africa. However, there are

Water Conservation during the Dry Months: The Greywater Solution The Grey Water Solution. As South Africans, we find ourselves in a resource saving era where we are faced with realities like, amongst other things, water shortages. Saving water and using it with discretion has become part of our daily lives. We

People tend to be resistant to change, in fact, the better it looks the more suspicious they seem to be about adopting a new solution. In days gone by when the first taps were installed in homes, the residents probably had a few misgivings about the water that came gushing

Owning a swimming pool means that you are the envy of all the neighbourhood kids and parents alike, as there is nothing more inviting than a sparkling pool on a hot summers day. But, pools require maintenance and use a lot of water to be kept in crystal clear condition.

Rainwater Harvesting the Ideal Solution to our Water Shortage The largest environmental challenge that South Africans are facing today is the scarcity of water and the availability thereof. Current water usage already exceeds the demand and more so the renewable supply. Many alternatives have been implemented, mostly in the Western Cape, but none more

Though most of the focus of water problems in South Africa landing on the shoulders of people living in the Western Cape, those living in Bloemfontein are also affected. Water availability, water shortage and water quality are three things that are often discussed and disputed. Water restrictions are nothing new and for years people living here have

The best time to use water responsibly is when there is water to use responsibly. When the rainy season is upon us, we don't fuss too much about irrigation, but how can we be water-wise in the garden when we use more water in a time where we should be using less?

The two most important factors when being water-smart in a garden are what soil and mulch to use. Both have the ability to be water-saving and/or water wasting. Healthy soil can store and process large amounts of water while quality mulch is the best way to preserve water in your soil. It is an effective way of feeding your soil while regulating temperatures. Unhealthy mulch and soil will not hold water, thereby wasting water when irrigating.

By planting water-friendly plants, you reduce not only the amount of water needed for irrigation but also cut

down on the number of times you need water. It is also important to remember to remove weeds. Weeds are water-eaters and steal water from your plants. Water-friendly plants not only require less water but also less attention.

Ways of saving water when it comes to watering your plants are to either use a bucket instead of a hose or by watering early in the morning instead of during the day when temperatures are at the highest. Another alternative method is by using drip irrigation or installing a Greywater Harvesting System. Grey water harvesting systems are the ideal way to give a new purpose to second-hand water that is mildly used.

Always have a look in and around your house for leaky faucets or pipes and fix immediately. A leaky faucet or pipe can undo all the water saving strategies that you have implemented at home.

Not long ago the phrase eco-friendly would have conjured up images of people living an alternative lifestyle, possibly in communes or teepees, but in recent times this phrase has gone mainstream and has evolved into a necessity. Going green is a way of doing your bit to create and maintain a sustainable

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