

PRESS RELEASE

ISLAND WIDE LEGAL NOTICE ON WATER RESTRICTION

With no significant rainfall, St Helena's raw water stock continues to decrease as demand remains higher than supply. As a result, Connect Saint Helena Ltd regrets to inform the public that it has become necessary to introduce tighter restrictions on water use.

Increased restrictions will apply from 14 November 2016. The Legal Notice prohibits the non-essential use of water and is issued in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15 of the Water Ordinance.

Essential use is drinking, cooking and personal washing.

Non-compliance with the water restrictions may lead to prosecution, which could result in a fine of up to £2,000 or a custodial sentence not exceeding 6 months.

All Exemption Notices previously issued are now expired and no longer valid.

Commercial agricultural consumers may apply to Connect Saint Helena Ltd for a Notice of Exemption from the water restrictions in accordance with Regulation 15(3) of the Water Ordinance. To apply for a Notice of Exemption, agricultural consumers must urgently contact Paul Duncan at Connect Saint Helena Limited on 22255 or e-mail paul.duncan@connect.co.sh. Consideration for exemption will be based on cultivated status of agricultural land. Agricultural consumers are required to provide details to that affect to enable Connect to consult and seek advice from ANRD.

Any other person or business wishing to be considered for a Notice of Exemption must apply in writing to Paul Duncan, Water Operations Manager or contact him on telephone no 22255 or e-mail paul.duncan@connect.co.sh. Detailed reasons for the request must be provided.

We are appealing to everyone to play their part in reducing their use of water. Legal enforcement is not our preferred approach. However, in the interests of the whole population, if you see someone using water in contravention of this notice, please contact Connect Saint Helena Ltd on 22255 during normal office hours.

REDUCE YOUR USE

Connect Saint Helena Ltd - 9 November 2016



Water Ordinance

Water Regulations

Notice Limiting the Use of Water

NOTICE is hereby given by Connect Saint Helena Ltd, the Utility Provider under the Water Ordinance, that with effect from 14th November 2016 the use of water is limited in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Water Regulations.

This notice applies to the areas specified in Schedule I ('the prescribed area') and prohibits the uses of water listed in Schedule II. This notice remains in force until varied or lifted by a further public notice in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(a).

Warning

A person who fails to comply with this notice is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a maximum fine of £2,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months.

Schedule I

[The prescribed area]

All treated and untreated water sources on the entire island.

Schedule II

[Limitations on the Use of Water]

This notice prohibits:

- 1. Using hosepipes and sprinklers.
- 2. Watering plants (except when using grey water).
- 3. Washing down standing hard areas.
- 4. Filling up pools, paddling pools and using water slides.
- 5. Washing vehicles (except cleaning windows, mirrors, lights and license plate with a bucket and sponge only).
- 6. Pressure washing of boats.
- 7. Watering public gardens, sports fields, and the golf course.
- 8. Watering crops by non-commercial growers, unless water is supplied by ANRD.
- 9. Irrigation by commercial growers, unless an exemption notice has been granted by Connect Saint Helena Ltd. Connect staff will supervise pumping from Longwood 1 & 2 reservoirs for this purpose.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2016

Barry Hubbard

Chief Executive Officer Connect Saint

Helena Ltd