



St Helena
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UPDATE ON ST HELENA WATER LEVELS

CONSUMPTION DOWN BY 4.5% BUT WATER RESOURCES REMAIN STRETCHED

Water resources on St Helena remain seriously low.

On Friday 11 November 2016, Island reservoir levels had increased to 13,021 cubic metres - around 10.9% of total capacity. This increase is largely attributed to the rain run-off from the previous weekend. But as welcome as this rain was, it gives an indication of just how much rain we need in order to increase reservoir levels.

Until the reservoirs reach at least 50% full, we remain in a critical situation.

It is pleasing that water consumption last week was down by around 4.5% on the previous week - and residents are thanked for their cooperation. **But St Helena water levels are still seriously low so please continue to exercise great care and restraint when using water.**

With a slight improvement in stored water and a slight decrease in consumption, the immediate situation remains stable. But, we cannot be complacent as we may not have the benefit of further rain before the summer. To maintain the balance between water coming into the system and water being used, Connect is continuing to bowser water from other sources. But we all need to continue to do our bit and reduce our use. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly then please inform Connect.

The public is reminded of the Island-wide Legal Notice now in place which restricts the use of water for essential purposes only - defined as drinking, cooking and personal washing. Personal washing is washing yourself, clothes and bedding etc in order to maintain your personal cleanliness.

In addition, Exemption Notices which expired on 31 October 2016 are not automatically renewed. Anyone requiring an Exemption Notice must apply for reassessment.

Leaflets and posters containing water saving tips have been distributed to local shops and public buildings and people are encouraged to pick up a leaflet to see how they can limit their water use.

**St Helena Resilience Forum
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