

RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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MEDIA ADVISORY

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ATTENTION: ALL MEDIA HOUSES

FLOODS EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT THE CITY

In the wake of continuous heavy rains that we have been experiencing in the country the Municipality would like to alert the community about these severe rains and the possibility of them continuing through the rest of the month. The consistent rainfall has resulted in rising water levels, leading to widespread erosion in various areas in the municipality, and overflowing of rivers and streams.

Rustenburg Local Municipality appeals for the observance of community members who are crossing bridges particularly children to prevent loss of life and in responding to the flash floods and adverse weather conditions which continue to affect the most vulnerable communities. Residents are advised to take the necessary precautions to ensure their safety by avoiding flooded areas and please do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded streets. In an event you encounter rising water on your way turn around and seek an alternate route. Floods are natural disasters that are caused by heavy rainfall and cause widespread damage, loss of life, and evacuation.

The areas that have been widely affected are:

- Meriting
- Kanana
- Tlapa
- Rankelenyane
- Dannie Estate
- Bokamoso
- Mfidikwe
- Mafenya
- Ikageng

Our Emergency response teams are activated and actively monitoring the situation, assessing the damage, and providing assistance where needed. We urge everyone to cooperate with emergency services as they work diligently to address the situation

Emergency and Disaster Management team is activated, and working in collaboration with the South African State Security Agency, Social Development, Traffic Services, South African Police Service and other primary stakeholders involved in the disaster management to continue to ensure intensification of the implementation of disaster preparedness plans, including recovery measures amidst adverse weather conditions that are experienced, in order to minimise and prevent further devastation, damage to property, injuries and fatalities.

Community members are urged to cooperate and work together with emergency services as they embark in the process of addressing the adverse situation diligently so.

Residents are also advised to take the necessary precautions measures to concretise safety by avoiding flooded areas and not to attempt to walk or drive through flooded streets, avoid unnecessary journey, and opt to remain in doors where possible.

ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTIONS/LOADSHEDDING

The municipality is aware of the widespread of power outages, that have been experienced throughout the Town. The Minister of Electricity has announced that loadshedding will be implemented and is scheduled to continue until further notice. The resumption of loadshedding is necessitated by multiple trips at the Mabuja Power Station, and Medupi. Eskom indicated that in order to replenish the emergency repairs, the implementation of stage 6 loadshedding is necessary. As per the directive given by the Minister, the municipality is required and expected to implement stage 6 loadshedding.

The loadshedding schedule can be found on the municipality website, or on our social media pages.

Vandalism and illegal connections continue to be a huge challenge that we are experiencing as the municipality and contributes to the many electrical challenges we are facing. Community members are urged to please report these illegal activities to the South African Police Services at 10111.

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We do apologise for the inconvenience caused.

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