



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF MANGAUNG: VANDALISM AND THEFT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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It has come to the attention of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality that water meters are being stolen and vandalised at an alarming rate.

In terms of the **Criminal Matters Amendment Act, 18 of 2015**, Section 3(1) which states:

Any person who unlawfully and intentionally—

- (a) tampers with, damages or destroys essential infrastructure; or
- (b) colludes with or assists another person in the commission of such an act, and who knows or ought reasonably to have known that it is essential infrastructure, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 years, or, in the case of a corporate body, a fine not exceeding R100 million.

The theft and vandalism of water meters is a serious criminal offence and offenders will be prosecuted!!!

These acts have cost the Municipality significant amounts of money and caused delays in the maintenance and replacement of water meters. The Municipality urges all residents to use water responsibly and report any incidents of theft or vandalism.

Reporting procedure for stolen or vandalised meters:

1. Report the incident and open a case at your nearest **Police Station**.
2. After obtaining a case number, report the matter to **Water Conservation and Demand Management (WCDM) Unit** by:
 - a) Visiting the office at the **Lesley Monnanyane Building**, 1st Floor, Regional Office, Rocklands, Corner of Moshoeshoe and George Lubbe, Rooms S208 and S209; or
 - b) Sending a WhatsApp message to **065 558 6261**; or
 - c) Calling the Call Centre at **0800 113 000**.

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