

CENTRAL KAROO

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



SECTION:

MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH SURVEILANCE OF PREMISES



The Section aims to create an environment supportive of good health and minimize those factors detrimental to our health in the Central Karoo district

The Section is focused on the needs and expectations of our communities in the Central Karoo. We seek a good relationship between the municipality and its inhabitants, with a collective responsibility for the environment to ensure that all communities will live in an environment that is beneficial to their health

OUR FUNCTION

The National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) defines Municipal Health Services as Environmental Health. In terms of Section 1 of the Act Municipal Health Services are defined as:

- Water Quality Monitoring;
- Food Control;
- Waste Management and Monitoring;
- **Health Surveillance of Premises;**
- Supervision and Prevention of Communicable Diseases;
- Vector Control;
- Environmental Pollution Control;
- Management of Human Remains; and
- Safe handling of Chemical Substances.

The Air Quality Management & Integrated Waste Management functions are also performed by the Section Municipal Health.

EHP's act as public arbiters of EH standards, maintaining close contact with the communities they serve. We act as advisers, educators, consultants, managers and enforcement officers (enforcing health policies), ensuring people are able to live, work & play in safe, healthy environments

STAFF & AREA OF SERVICE DELIVERY

EHP's are employed at our Head Office in Beaufort West as well as our Prince Albert & Laingsburg Offices

Services are rendered in ten (10) communities in the Central Karoo Region, namely Murraysburg, Beaufort West, Nelspoort, Merweville, Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka, Klaarstroom, Prince Albert Road, Laingsburg & Matjiesfontein, as well as in the rural areas of the Beaufort West, Prince Albert & Laingsburg Districts.

DID YOU KNOW...

TOBACCO CONTROL

All premises, including municipalities, must comply with the requirements of the Regulations Relating to Smoking in Public Places and Certain Outdoor Public Places R 264 of 30 March 2012, published in terms of Tobacco Products Control Act, 1993 (Act No. 83 of 1993) as amended.

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS

- Swimming pools must be frequently monitored for turbidity, residual disinfectant and pH values;
- The pH should be maintained between 7.2 and 7.8 for chlorine disinfectants and between 7.2 and 8.0 for bromine-based and other non-chlorine processes;
- Where chlorine-based disinfectant are used, a minimum free available chlorine residual of 0.5 mg/l, with a maximum free available chlorine residual of 3 mg/l must be maintained;
- The total viable bacteriological count of any sample submitted for analysis should not exceed 100 organisms per ml of water;
- Escherichia coli type 1 bacteria should not be present in any 100 ml of spa bath or swimming pool water; and,
- Bacteriological and chemical quality of the water should be monitored regularly by management for heterotrophic plate count, E Coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and legionella spp.

STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

General requirements

- Waste material and debris must be removed to a disposal area and reusable material must be sorted and moved to a storage area at least once daily to prevent a hazardous condition arising.
- Rubbish, debris and other waste material from the demolition or construction of projects must be temporarily disposed of in a designated area on site where people do not have access.
- If the dissemination of dust is a hazard to the neighboring community, the dust must be adequately controlled to prevent a nuisance or hazard from continuing.
- Noise levels from construction activities on the premises must conform to the Environmental Conservation Act, Noise Control Regulations of 20 November 1998.
- Dust control measures must be put in place to control dust from the construction activities and all emissions must be in compliance with the National Environmental Management; Air Quality Act of 2004.
- Fire control equipment must be available on the premises, in compliance to the municipality's fire control requirements

NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR VACANT LAND

Vacant land must be in compliance with environmental health and hygiene requirements and promote a clean and healthy environment.

Vacant land refer to unoccupied or empty stands or any land without a structure build onto it, a pavement, or open field. This will include an un-occupied building

Vacant land must comply with the following requirements:

Vacant land and unoccupied buildings must be maintained clean at all times, free from the following conditions:

- Accumulation of refuse, debris, including glass, paper, rags, tins, trash, ash and coal, including dead animals;
- Overgrown weeds, trees, long grass, and existence of undergrowth, shrubs or any poisonous plants;
- Accumulation of wrecked motor vehicles, chassis, engine or other part of a motor vehicle which is unsightly and may pose a health nuisance;
- Offensive smells, stagnant waters, and
- Any conditions resulting in the breeding of flies or mosquitoes, habourage of rodents and other vermin

REPORTING HEALTH NUISANCES

The owner, occupier or user of land or premises must –

- Ensure that a Health nuisance does not exist or occur on his or her land or premises;
- Within 24 hours of becoming aware of the existence of a health nuisance on the land or premises, eliminate the Health nuisance, or if he or she is unable to eliminate the health nuisance;
- Take steps to the satisfaction of the municipality to reduce the risk to municipal health; and
- Report the existence of the health nuisance to the municipality.



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