

CENTRAL KAROO

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



SECTION: MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES

WASTE MANAGEMENT & MONITORING



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

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.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

In terms of the South African Constitution waste management service delivery is a local government function.

Category B-Municipalities in the Central Karoo are key players in dealing with general non-hazardous waste and must provide waste management services, including waste removal, waste storage and waste disposal services, as per Schedule 5b of the Constitution and in line with national norms and standards.

Initiatives aimed at identifying the challenges experienced by municipalities, identified four broad themes of obstacles to effective waste management, namely financial management, equipment management, labour (staff) management and institutional behaviour (management and planning).

It is important that landfills are located, designed, operated and monitored to ensure that they do not, to any significant extent, harm the environment, endanger human health, create an unacceptable risk to water, soil, atmosphere, plants or animals or create unacceptable nuisances through noise or odours and adversely affect the environment.

Sustainability and improve-ment of waste management services remains a significant challenge for municipalities in the Central Karoo district.

A number of issues continue to be challenges for the establishment of effective waste management. These include e.g. ineffective data collection systems and lack of compliance and enforcement capacity; a lack of education and awareness amongst stake-holders within the waste sector, operational costs for management of waste, a lack of support to waste reduction and a lack of structured incentives for reduction, recycling and/or re-use of waste.

Landfilling is environmentally acceptable if properly carried out.

Unfortunately, if not carried out to sufficiently high standards, landfilling has the potential to have an adverse impact on the environment. The general objective of environmentally acceptable landfilling, therefore, is to avoid both short- or long-term impacts or any degradation of the environment in which the landfill is located.

The negative public image of landfills is very much a result of experience with untidiness, litter problems etc.

These factors do not stimulate public confidence that a site is well managed.

Accordingly, an essential prerequisite to establishing a degree of community acceptance is attention to a site's physical appearance so that a positive impression is gained by the general public; neighboring residents and users of the landfill.

The success of waste management services does not necessarily depend on the specific department where it is housed, but on other important issues including political stability and support, a functional integrated planning process, rigorous financial management and procurement; senior managers implementing innovative schemes, including reward schemes

6 TIPS ON HOW TO MANAGE WASTE

1. **Report** illegal dumping to the district or local municipalities
2. **Choose** not to litter.
3. **Remind** others not to litter and why.
4. Get a litter bag or portable ash receptacles to share.

5. **Volunteer** in your community to help prevent and cleanup litter—from cigarette butts to illegal dumps.
6. **Keep** a litter bag in your car and hang on to litter until you find a garbage receptacle.



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.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Because caring for the environment will ensure:

- A healthier future for our children;
- The earth's resources that support plant & animal life will be sustained;
- A healthy and clean environment to live, work & play in.



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