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Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

AVOID HEAVY FINES: STRICT ADHERENCE TO REFUSE-REMOVAL ARRANGEMENTS IS A MUST

Unfortunately, far too many residents have still not heeded our plea to **NOT** place their refuse bags and wheelie bins out before 07:00 on the day scheduled for collection.

Consequently, baboons, birds, dogs and cats are having a field day, resulting in rubbish being strewn and blown all over the show and, sadly, ending up in streams, estuaries and, ultimately, the ocean.

Given that failure to comply with stipulations regarding the collection of household refuse is a punishable offence in terms of Overstrand Municipality's Integrated Waste Management By-law, the municipality has no option but to impose heavy fines on offenders.

Especially landlords and letting agents should take heed of the schedule published below and remind holidaymakers and weekenders of arrangements in this regard:

- ➔ Each household is allowed to place one wheelie bin or four black bags (with the proviso that only one bag may contain garden waste) with domestic refuse on the pavement for removal in areas which the municipality has not identified as a problem-animal area.
- ➔ In identified problem-animal areas, no refuse bags may be left on the pavement and waste containers must be secured with baboon-proof locking devices.
- ➔ In all instances, excess refuse should be taken to the nearest transfer station and **not** dumped next to municipal bins.
- ➔ In the case of weekenders and holidaymakers, please make arrangements with a nearby neighbour to dispose of household waste on the scheduled day.
- ➔ As far as practically possible, glass items should be packaged or wrapped before being placed into wheelie bins or black bags to prevent injury to waste collectors. Wherever possible, such items should rather be recycled or disposed of at public drop-offs or transfer stations.

For your convenience, please refer to the handy refuse removal schedule covering all areas in Overstrand below:



The refuse collection schedule for GANSBAAI is as follows:

MONDAY: Pearly Beach, Buffeljags, Eloxulweni, Masakhane • TUESDAY: De Kelders, Masakhane, Beverly Hills • WEDNESDAY: Franskraal, portion of Industrial, Masakhane • THURSDAY: Kleinbaai, Gansbaai, Baardskeedersbos • FRIDAY: Gansbaai, Perlemoen Bay, Masakhane, Beverly Hills, Blompark.

The refuse collection schedule for STANFORD is as follows:

TUESDAY: North of De Bruyn Street • THURSDAY: South of De Bruyn Street.

The refuse collection schedule for HANGKLIP-KLEINMOND is as follows:

MONDAY: Rooi Els, Kleinmond Sea Avenues, Kleinmond Mountain Avenues, Klein Berlyn and Heuningkloof • TUESDAY: Proteadorp, Overhills, Mountain View, Extension 6, Palmiet, Sunny Seas • Wednesdays: Betty's Bay and Mooiuitsig • THURSDAYS: Pringle Bay • FRIDAY: Businesses.

The refuse collection schedule for HERMANUS is as follows:

MONDAY: Vermont, Fisherhaven, Voëlkop • TUESDAY: Onrus, Chanteclair, Berghof, Sandbaai, Hemel-en-Aarde • WEDNESDAY: Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant • THURSDAY: Westcliff, Northcliff, houses in the CBD and Hermanus Industrial Area • FRIDAY: Hawston, Eastcliff, Hermanus Heights, Kwaiwater, Fernkloof.

AVAILABILITY OF TRAFFIC SERVICES UNDER LOCKDOWN LEVEL 3

For the duration of the restrictions imposed in accordance with Lockdown Level 3, the licensing and registration offices in Gansbaai, Kleinmond and Hermanus will be open in the mornings only. Only a certain number of transactions will be handled per day, where after the offices will close so that admin tasks can be attended to before daily decontamination commences.

Note that since August, the Hermanus Traffic Department will also be open on every second Saturday (e.g. 4 and 18 September) from 08:15 - 13:00. This arrangement will continue until further notice.

As a further precaution, Overstrand would like to encourage residents to minimise cash payments and to make use of card payments as far as possible.

Residents who have paid for their motor vehicle registration discs renewals by EFT must allow at least 5 - 7 working days for this or phone to ask if the disk is ready for collection.

When collecting the disk, bring proof of payment with. Please pay the correct amount into the Overstrand Municipality primary bank account and use the relevant car registration number as a reference. Transactions cannot be processed, if the amount due and reference number are incorrect.

ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS PER DAY:

Motor vehicle registrations

- Monday to Friday and Alternating Saturdays (only Hermanus Traffic):
 - ❖ Limited to 20 clients per cashier per day.

Driver's licences

- Monday to Friday and alternating Saturdays (only Hermanus Traffic):
 - ❖ Limited to 10 clients per cashier.

Vehicle testing / roadworthy certification

- Monday to Friday and Alternating Saturdays (only Hermanus Traffic):
 - ❖ Limited to 15 clients per day.

Fines Office

- Monday to Friday and alternating Saturdays (only Hermanus Traffic):
 - ❖ Limited to 20 clients per cashier per day.

ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARDS TO EFT PAYMENTS

In order to ensure a speedy transaction, it is important that the correct details (and reference number) are entered when making EFT payments.

Please pay the correct amount into Overstrand Municipality's primary bank account and use the relevant car registration number as reference. By adding GB or KMD to the reference, you can help staff members to allocate discs to the correct town (i.e. GB = Gansbaai and KMD = Kleinmond) for collection purposes and will help to ensure that you can collect your disk from your nearest office hassle free.

Note that proof of payment will be required when collecting the licence disc.

If the disc is to be collected by persons other than the owner, a letter of authorisation stating the registration number and full names (as on ID) of the person doing the collection will be required together with a certified copy of the licensee's ID and the ID of the person doing the collection.

BANKING DETAILS FOR THE RENEWAL OF VEHICLE LICENCES

Nedbank

Account name:	Overstrand Municipality
Account number:	1190136678
Type of account:	Current
Branch code:	198765
Branch:	Inland Garden Route
SWIFT code:	NEDSZAJJ
Reference number:	Your vehicle's registration number and a suffix as explained above.

FERNKLOOF RANGERS

WORLD RANGER DAY IS CELEBRATED ON 31 JULY EVERY YEAR to honour the meaningful contribution of the rangers and guides who work so tirelessly to preserve our nature reserves, parks and wetlands for future generations.

On this day, those rangers who were injured or killed in the line of duty are also honoured.

Overstrand Municipality used this event to pay tribute to those who serve in our Environmental Management Services Department along with all role players who take pride in their work and do everything in their power to protect our vulnerable fauna and flora against exploiters and those with a tendency to randomly ransack our precious natural heritage. Their love of nature also compels them to engage with those who visit our reserves in the interest of promoting environmental education and the conservation of biodiversity.

We are grateful for their ongoing service.



Pictured here are the Fernkloof Rangers from l-r Michael Henn, Darryl Isaacs, Marco Cornelius, Timothy Europa, Dean Gardiner, Arno Harmse and Siviwe Nondobo.

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Residents who have joined any library in the Western Cape need not re-register for this service.

When you log in, simply use the digit number on your library card as your username and your date of birth – dd.mm.yyyy (include full stops) – as your password.

Keep in mind that this is an additional service and that the eBooks and audio books on offer may not necessarily be available in the library. This is because these books are subject to varying licensing agreements that are managed by the Western Cape's provincial library service.

Initially, the database of the books that can be downloaded electronically will be rather limited due to financial constraints. This database will, however, be expanded over time.

WISH TO JOIN THE LIBRARY?

Residents who are not library members yet can join by filling out a membership form and handing the completed form in at their local library, together with a copy of their ID and latest municipal account.

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WILDFIRE READY: HOW HOMES BURN

Wildfires can spread long distances into built-up areas.



RADIANT HEAT

A wildfire can burn at between 800°C to 1200°C and generate enough radiant heat that any flammable material ahead of the fire becomes preheated. The fine fuels can then ignite carrying fire to heavier fuels. In this way a wildfire can spread rapidly across a landscape and into urban areas causing homes to ignite.



EMBER ATTACK

During a wildfire, burning matter such as bark, twigs, leaf litter etc can be lifted into the air by the convective updraft of a wildfire and carried great distances. These embers can then cause ignitions when entering structures through small gaps and igniting any dry and combustible materials.



STRUCTURE TO STRUCTURE

Once a structure, or a home, has ignited, the radiant heat given off is enough to cause the preheating of others close by. This can lead to further ignitions, spreading fire through the urban environment. One or two homes catching alight can cause a chain reaction which can destroy an entire block or suburb.

Protect your Property with Fire Resistant Materials and Defendable Space.



Wildfire is Coming
Are you #WildfireReady?

CAN'T CONNECT YOUR TANK TO THE SEWERAGE NETWORK?

Now is the time to apply for an adjusted tariff.



Option 1:

Pay a basic fee of R102.44 plus the infrastructure levy of R14.98 per month only, with the understanding that every time a tanker service is requested, this service will be charged at R699.36 per 6 kℓ or part thereof (office hours, i.e. weekdays before 15:00) or R1 398.72 per 6 kℓ or part thereof (after hours) per removal.

Option 2:

Pay a basic fee of R152.04 plus R17.13 per kℓ of water used per month, based on a maximum of 35 kℓ per month (70% of 50 kℓ), plus the infrastructure levy of R14.98 per month, which will entitle you to tanker callouts during office hours at no additional charge. As per option 1 above, all after-hour tanker service requests will be charged at R1 398.72 per 6 kℓ or part thereof.

Should you require further information and/or advice in this regard, you are welcome to direct your enquiry to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

QUALIFY FOR A REBATE ON RATES? BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN TIME.

Any person or entity who meets the conditions to qualify for a rebate on rates must submit their applications on the appropriate form to the municipality by no later than **30 September 2021**.

PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES QUALIFYING FOR REBATES INCLUDE:

- Pensioners and disabled persons
- ❖ The gross monthly household income may not exceed R15 120
- Bona fide farmers
- Guesthouses and B&Bs with between one and five lettable rooms

Copies of the appropriate forms are available at your nearest municipal office and can also be downloaded via Overstrand's official website: www.overstrand.gov.za. Click on Documents > Forms.

Any questions regarding rebates and the qualifying criteria can be directed to the Rates and Data Control Office at 028 313 8000 or via email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.