

WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A DROUGHT

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DO THIS NOW

- 1** Follow the water-use rules from your municipality or your water supplier straight away, even if your taps still run normally.
- 2** Save water in the home: take short showers instead of baths, turn the tap off while you brush your teeth or wash up, and run the washing machine and dishwasher only when full.
- 3** Save water outside: stop watering the lawn, washing the car and filling the pool. Water plants with a can, early in the morning or in the evening.
- 4** Fix dripping taps and toilets that keep running. A small leak wastes a lot of water over a summer.
- 5** Keep a store of drinking water: **4 L** per person per day for **72 hours**, and some for your pets.
- 6** Never light a fire, a barbecue or a cigarette in dry woods or fields. A drought makes wildfires far more likely.
- 7** On hot days, drink at least **1.5 L** per person, and check on neighbours who are older, ill or alone.

BEFORE

KNOW WHERE THE RULES COME FROM

- Your municipality and your water supplier decide local limits on water use. Updates on the supply appear on infocrise, and the national water authority can send warnings through LU-Alert. See **Alerts and sirens**.
- Luxembourg's resilience strategy lists drought and water shortage among the

risks that climate change brings.

STOCK WATER

- Water: **4 L** per person per day, for **72 hours**. Rotate the bottles so they stay fresh.
- For pets, plan at least **4 L** a day for a dog and **1 L** a day for a cat.
- Keep some water for washing and the toilet as well as for drinking. **No water, or**

water unsafe covers what to do if the taps stop.

USE LESS WATER EVERY DAY

- Collect rainwater in a butt for the garden, and reuse the water you rinsed vegetables in for your plants.
- Check the water meter while no tap is running. If it still moves, you have a leak.

AFTER

- Keep saving water until the authorities lift the limits.
- If tap water changes colour, smell or taste, do not drink it, and follow any notice from

your supplier, even if the water looks normal. **No water, or water unsafe** has the steps.

- Refill your water store and swap out old bottles.
- Heavy rain can follow a dry spell. Read the warnings and **Flooding**.

IF YOU ARE...

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN

- Teach children to take short showers and turn off taps. Keep a bottle of water with them on hot days.

DISABILITY

- A drought often comes with heat. Drink regularly through the day, and follow the **heat-wave page**.

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WITH PETS

- Never ration your pet's drinking water. Give them fresh water in the shade every

WITH A GARDEN

- Leave the lawn unwatered. Water only young plants and vegetables, and pour it at the roots.

EASY-READ SUMMARY

 Use less water every day.

 Do not light fires outside.

 Check on older neighbours.

 Follow the news for water rules.

 Drink enough water on hot days.

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