

WATER CHAMPIONS

at the University of Cape Town



A water champion is someone who is committed to building water awareness and ensuring that water conservation is a part of everything everyone does in their department. The person acts as a local ambassador and point of contact at a departmental/building level.

Water champions will play an important role in reducing UCT's water use by 50% and in reducing water costs.

The role includes:



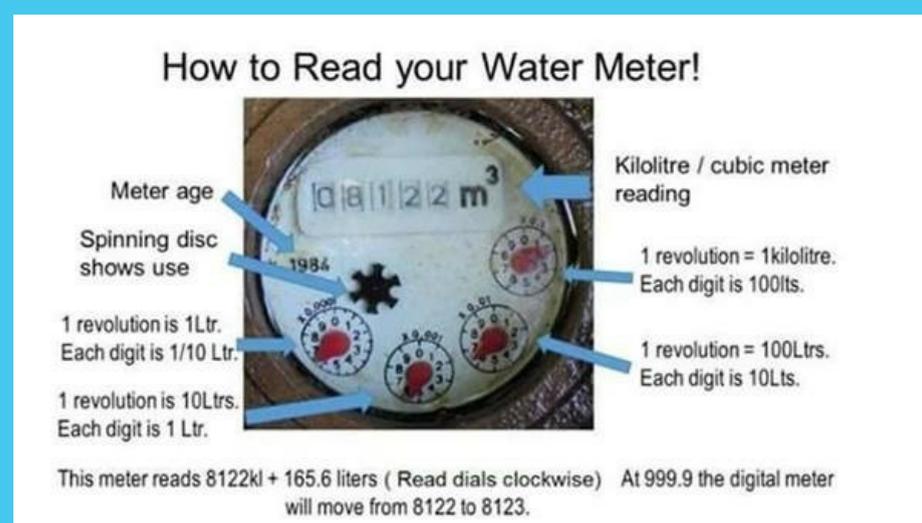
Raise awareness about water use.

- visible awareness in the form of posters in key areas where water is used (kitchens and bathrooms). Focus needs to be placed on activities that consume the most water such as toilets.
- hold discussions in your building or department with staff and students and decide how best to accommodate a variety of bathroom practices that include social, cultural and religious norms.

Note that February and March are diarrhoea season and it is imperative that proper hygiene practices are maintained.



Conduct a simple audit over 5 days of the week by reading the water meter of your building (if it has its own water meter). Give feedback on the findings and decide if anything needs to be done. The image below is a guide on how to read the water meter, but not all meters are the same.



3

Share your stories about what you are doing in your building or department to reduce water demand. Stories can include tables of data, a photograph, or a short written piece. These stories should be sent to the UCT Water Desk (water@uct.ac.za).

4

Cleaning staff are at the forefront of water saving, but also have to deal with some of the risks of our new practices (e.g. yellow mellow). Include cleaning staff members in discussions.

The water champion role will be most active for a short 3-4 month period as UCT restructures its water use.



KEEP CALM

AND

SAVE WATER

WHILE WE HAVE IT