Water Management at The Backpack – South Africa

Summary

Here at The Backpack in Cape Town, we try our very best to do as much as we can to save water during this crisis. Getting guests involved is the only way to truly see a difference as they feel like they can contribute and become responsible in playing a role to saving our water. With 100 guests walking in and out of our hostel daily, that is many toilet flushes, showers and washing of hands going on. So here is what we do to try our best to reduce our water consumption.

Objectives

Reduce the usage of water and make guests aware of the crisis.
Methodology

Here is a brief outline for what we do to make a difference:

1) We have fun and playful posters around the hostel so that our guests feel like that want to get involved with water saving, not that they are forced and inconvenienced into doing so.

2) Buckets are placed into the shower and this will collect all water during a guest’s shower. Almost an entire bucket is filled during just one shower!

3) We ask the guests to tip the water from their bucket into the big bins which we have placed outside each bathroom. This water goes to hydrating our plants in the garden and anywhere that needs cleaning.
4) Yes the tap is to show that we have placed aerators onto the water facets to create a soft flow from the taps - which means guests are not able to ever put the taps onto full blast and waste water whilst washing hands or brushing teeth. We also have soft flow shower heads.

Target audience: HI Members/ Guests/ General Public/ Staff/ Differently abled people/ Children/ Families

Reach: National
Duration: Ongoing, daily

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