

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL WATER & ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS

Metsimaholo Local Municipality is intensifying its efforts to combat the illegal connection, tampering, and bypassing of water and electricity meters. These unlawful activities not only lead to financial losses but also pose serious safety hazards, including the risk of electrocution, fires, and water contamination. Residents are reminded that illegal connections are a criminal offense and will not be tolerated.

To address this issue, strict enforcement measures are now in place. First-time offenders caught with illegal connections will face a **hefty fine of R33,410.00**, and further violations may lead to additional legal action, including service disconnections and potential prosecution. Despite previously offering an amnesty period for residents to legalize their connections, the response has been disappointing. As a result, the municipality will now proceed with intensified inspections and enforcement actions.

Regular inspections will be conducted throughout all communities to identify and prevent illegal connections. Any individual found tampering with municipal infrastructure will face the full force of the law. The municipality urges all residents to cooperate by ensuring that their connections are legal and by reporting any illegal activities they may be aware of.

Residents who wish to regularize their connections or report illegal activities are encouraged to contact the municipality immediately. Ensuring a safe, reliable, and sustainable water and electricity supply requires collective responsibility and adherence to the law. For inquiries or assistance, residents can reach out to the Metsimaholo Municipality at **016 973 8346** or **083 415 6679**, or via email at louwtjie.ondendaal@metsimaholo.gov.za.

Together, let's build a safe, responsible, and law-abiding community!

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