



## EL NINO EARLY WARNING SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM DISASTER MANAGEMENT UNIT WHAT IS EL NINO?

El Niño events bring conditions of below-normal rainfall and above-normal temperatures to the southern African region. Seasons Forecast for October 2026- December 2026

The latest seasonal forecast of the South African Weather Service for the October to December 2026 period indicates that below-normal rainfall is the most likely outcome over most of South Africa. This period is also very likely to be associated with above-normal temperatures.

If the 2026/27 El Niño event brings the expected below-normal rainfall to southern Africa, it is likely that a high frequency of heatwaves will co-occur.

Community is encouraged to:

- stay hydrated by drinking sufficient water frequently throughout the day, particularly during periods of extreme heat.
- Monitor early warning messages and advisories issued by the Municipality through its official Facebook page, municipal website and community WhatsApp groups facilitated through Ward Councillors.
- Protect themselves from direct exposure to the sun by wearing appropriate protective headwear, such as a bucket hat, and applying sunscreen regularly.
- Comply with safety tips and precautionary measures issued by the relevant government departments.



## ARBOR WEEK

Planting a tree is one of the simplest ways to care for the Earth, yet its impact lasts for generations. Trees clean the air, provide shade, and support life around us. Because of their importance, we celebrate Arbor Day, a day dedicated to planting and protecting trees.



**PLANT MORE TREES**

“ Small actions today,  
lead to a sustainable  
tomorrow. ”

