

WASA ASSURES PUBLIC OF PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT AS DRY SEASON TRANSITION IMPACTS SUPPLY

Monday 25th May, 2026: The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) is calling on the national community to support responsible water use, as the North West Region navigates the lingering effects of the 2026 Dry Season. While the rainy season was officially declared in May 2026, the Authority notes that a transition period of up to two months is typical before surface water sources fully stabilise, a reality that affects not only the North West but also serves as a reminder for the entire country.

The North West Region has been particularly impacted by lower than average rainfall, affecting all surface water facilities, including the Maraval Water Treatment Plant and numerous medium to small-scale intakes. Production volumes remain reduced and will only recover following sustained rainfall across the region. Groundwater sources have also been affected. Approximately 90 production wells, including those at Moka, Paramin, El Socorro, and Santa Cruz, rely on surface rainfall to recharge aquifers. Lower rainfall has led to dropping aquifer levels, further limiting supply.

WASA confirms that no further operational interventions can be made under current conditions. A return to normal supply ultimately depends on consistent rainfall. Nevertheless, the Authority is successfully managing this annual occurrence. North West Distribution teams continue to work diligently, rotating available supply to minimise disruption while maintaining established Dry Season schedules. The Authority acknowledges an increase in ‘No Water’ complaints from the North West and assures the public that rotating supply schedules remain in effect.

Water conservation is a shared national responsibility. When one region experiences strain, it is a reminder to the entire nation that water is a finite resource. WASA therefore urges all citizens nationwide to adopt the following practices: store water responsibly during scheduled supply hours, avoid using hosepipes for gardening or vehicle washing, repair leaking fixtures promptly, and reuse water where possible.

As a responsible water utility, WASA remains fully committed to navigating this seasonal challenge and ensuring equitable access for all communities. The Authority thanks the public for its continued patience and cooperation.

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About WASA:

Governed by the Water and Sewerage Act Chapter 54:40, WASA is Trinidad and Tobago's national water utility, committed to providing safe, reliable, and equitable water and wastewater services while promoting conservation and sustainable resource use.

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