With the recent municipal tariff hikes and everyone’s budgets already stretched to the max, we would like to share some ideas about how you can save on your water and electricity use. Saving water and electricity will not only benefit your pocket but will also have a positive effect on the electrical grid and water supply.

Four great reasons why it is important to reduce your water and electricity consumption:

- Saving electricity saves you money.
- Saving on water usage also reduces electricity usage.
- Decreased pollution, greenhouse gases and global warming.
- Protecting the environment and its plant, animal, and marine life.

Here are some helpful tips of what you can do to help save water and electricity and stretch your budget a bit further.

Let’s start with water-saving tips since this leads to energy saving as well:

- Close the taps and don’t let the water run unnecessarily while brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or washing dishes.
- Fix leaky taps immediately.
- Boil only as much water as you need. Boiling a full kettle when you only want to make one cup of coffee wastes a lot of electricity.
- Limit your time in the shower.
- Load up your washing machine and dishwasher and only turn them on when they are full.
- Don’t water your garden during the middle of the day when the water evaporates quickly.
- If you are renting a house with a garden, catch rainwater and use it to water your plants or wash your car.

To save electricity you can:

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Use LED bulbs.
- Frontloading washing machines use less water and electricity.
- Unplug all electronic devices not being used.
- Use the cold wash cycle on your washing machine.
- Electrical blankets are cheaper and use less electricity than heaters.
- Replace old and ageing appliances with new, energy-efficient ones.
- Microwave, pressure cookers and slow cookers use less energy than your stove.
- Match pots and pans to the correct size stove plate, i.e. use small pots on small plates.
- Check your fridge and freezer seals regularly and don’t leave the fridge open unnecessarily.
- Don’t put hot food in the fridge.

Following these simple steps will definitely put some money back in your pocket.

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### Estate News

**Spring is here and with it comes a ray of sunshine at the end of the tunnel. Hope once again springs eternal that the pandemic has reached its peak and is on the decline. Manor House management would like to thank you for observing the national lockdown rules and regulations thus far and encourage you to remain vigilant in this (hopefully) last lap.**

Please remember that our estate has a one-way traffic policy. The road is too narrow to allow for two vehicles to pass each other. It is also for the safety of pedestrians, especially our beloved children. Please adhere to this and all other estate rules.

Residents are once again reminded not to park their additional vehicles in the visitors’ parking bays permanently. Notices will be placed on the infringing vehicles. Failure to remove the vehicle will result in the removal of the vehicle at the tenant’s cost. Residents are also requested not to park any vehicles on the estate’s lawns. Please park only in the paved area directly outside your double garage, or make use of the visitors’ parking temporarily.

I would like to ask feedback on the idea of an annual Manor House Golf Day. The proceeds of which will be donated to charity. Should you be interested in participating by either playing, sponsoring a hole or prizes, or in any other way, please contact me via email unique@centraldev.co.za or WhatsApp 064 510 7124.

We are pleased to announce that our new entry and exit system is now installed. You will receive a vehicle sticker which will automatically open the gate when entering the estate. However, for security reasons, this has not been implemented upon exiting. We have implemented both fingerprint and barcode (scan a barcode using the new mobile application) systems that will automatically trigger the gate to open. The security will, therefore, cease to open the gate for residents.

Until next month, stay healthy and please give me and my team a wave when you see us around the estate.