

Water Woes - Win a Water Tank with Engen

Engen Petroleum, a leading producer and marketer of fuels, lubricants and oil-based products, has responded to South Africa's water crisis in the drought-stricken provinces of Free State, Northern Cape, North West and KwaZulu-Natal, as well as in Lesotho.

The average rainfall for South Africa in 2015 was 400 millimetres, two-thirds of the usual 600mm, according to the South African Weather Service. Dams are on average, half full across the country with serious implications for farmers, rural communities and those living in smaller towns.

Every time it rains, water goes to waste. One way that households can save water (and money) is by installing a rain water harvesting tank. Harvesting rain can supplement up to 86% of a household's domestic water use. This stored water can be used for showers, baths, flushing toilets, washing cars, filling pools and even laundry.

Engen's Corporate Social Investment Manager, Mntu Nduvane says that with South Africa facing serious water shortages, the company moved to try and play a small part in drought relief. "One way in which we can help is to give households in these areas a solution to storing water. Rainwater harvesting is environmentally friendly and reduces a household's carbon footprint."

The Engen "Win a Water Tank" competition, which kicked off in May and will run until the end of July, sees 10 tanks up for grabs. Five of these tanks will be won in KwaZulu-Natal and the remaining five in Northern Cape, Free State, North West and Lesotho. Each tank has a storage capacity of 5 000 litres.

In addition, Engen will also donate a tank to a local NGO in KwaZulu-Natal as well as in the Free State.

Entry requirements are a minimum spend of R50 at any Engen Quickshop in the identified provincial areas and Lesotho.

Engen's Corporate Affairs General Manager, Tasneem Sulaiman-

Bray says: “As a company that cares about the communities in which we operate, this competition enables Engen to play a small part in helping people to conserve water. We hope our competition winners will in time enjoy the benefits of more control over their own water supply.”