

News Release



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WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

POINT LISAS DESALINATION PLANT TO SHUT DOWN FOR PLANNED MAINTENANCE WORKS

At a joint news conference held today – Thursday 7th November 2024, the Desalination Company of Trinidad and Tobago (Desalcott) and the Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the Authority) announced a planned shutdown of the Point Lisas Desalination Plant, for a period of seven (7) days from **Monday 11th November, to Sunday 17th November 2024**, to facilitate maintenance works. These works were previously planned for September, however it was rescheduled to allow for greater recovery of the Authority's supply networks, following the harsh dry season.

The Desalcott owned and operated desalination plant, provides 40 million gallons daily to WASA, which is used to supply the Point Lisas Industrial Estate, as well as augment the supply to areas in Central and South West Trinidad.

The Authority's acting CEO, Kelvin Romain, indicated that the planned shutdown will have a significant impact on the overall water supply position in Trinidad, however to mitigate the effects of this supply shortfall in operations, the Authority will be implementing following:

- **Re-distribution of supply from the Caroni and Navet Water Treatment Plants**
- **Implementation of temporary supply schedules** (This will be published on our social media pages: Face Book, Instagram, WhatsApp Channel and X)
- **Ensure capacity storage at critical service reservoirs prior to the shutdown**
- **Increased water trucking capacity**
- **Special emphasis and arrangements to supply schools, health institutions, homes for aged and other special needs organisations**

Customers are advised to maintain/establish a system of storage over the period of the shutdown and to also manage their water use efficiently, by reducing consumption through the observation of water conservation practices.

Affected customers are advised that a limited truck borne service is available upon request. This can be requested through the following self-service options:

- WASA Services App available via the Play Store or Apple store; or
- Customer Portal available on the Authority's website: www.wasa.gov.tt.

Alternatively, for further information, assistance or to request a truck borne delivery, customers can contact WASA's Customer Call Centre toll free at 800-4420/26.

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