



Bela-Bela Local Municipality

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MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

According to Section 152(1) (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the Municipality has a mandate to promote a safe and healthy environment to its residents.

The National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 came to effect reform of the law regulating waste management in order to protect health and the environment by providing reasonable measures for the prevention of pollution and ecological degradation and for securing ecologically sustainable development and to provide for national norms and standards for regulating the management of waste by all spheres of government.

Everyone has the constitutional right to have an environment that is not harmful to his or her health and to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures that-

- (a) Prevent pollution and ecological degradation;
- (b) Promote conservation; and
- (c) Secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development.

The Municipality is concerned with the alarming rate at which household waste is disposed by the public and littering resulting in illegal dumping areas in the township and some parts of town. Such behaviour have a negative long term environmental impact and it also portrays a bad image of our town.

Council has as a result adopted Solid Waste Management By-Law which is in the process of promulgation to prohibit unauthorised waste disposal and littering.

As much as the municipality is obligated to effect environmentally sound management, equally ratepayers and residents have a responsibility in this regard.

Members of the public are encouraged to explore economic benefits associated with ***Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle*** of waste that can create long term entrepreneurial and employment opportunities.

For enquiries relating to Waste Management contact Mr Andrew Mohlala on 082 555 4229 or Mohlalaa@belabela.gov.za weekdays between 07h30 and 16h00

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