



XÀBIA'S DESALINATION PLANT WORKING AT 100% CAPACITY DUE TO HIGH CONSUMPTION AND DROUGHT

Amjasa temporarily suspends water supplies to Teulada and Benitatxell.

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The combination of a year, with hardly any rainfall and particularly high consumption this summer (the first week of July is already similar to that of mid-August last year) has caused Xàbia's desalination plant to operate for the last few weeks at 100% of its production capacity (27,000 cubic meters per day). Since it was inaugurated in 2001, this had only previously happened during two weeks in August last year. In this period the daily consumption is about 2,500 m³ / higher than in 2014. Also the level of the wells located in the municipality of Pedreguer, which supplement the supply of

drinking water to Xàbia is below the minimum. In fact last Friday extraction was stopped from two of the wells.

To maintain a guaranteed supply, the desalination plant needs a nocturnal recovery of about 3000-4000 cubic meters which is not occurring this summer. This additional daily water helps to ensure supply in the event of failure or emergency. The fact that we are unable to recover at night the consumption of the previous day not only compromises the supply within Xàbia but is preventing the daily transfer of 2,000 cubic meters which was being made to the towns of Teulada and Benitachell. However, Amjasa states that this decision is reversible and once the level of the wells recovers the previous activity would resume.

To remedy this situation, Xàbia Town Hall and the municipal water company, Amjasa, have launched an **awareness campaign to reduce the private consumption of water**. In addition a municipal ordinance has been issued encouraging citizens to follow some simple saving habits:

- Do not water gardens during daylight hours to prevent evaporation
- Do not fill pools
- Check your water metre for leaks
- Avoid the unnecessary wastage of water

This reduction in consumption also will mean significant savings for consumers, since the rate that is applied in Xàbia is progressive: i.e. as the consumption rises higher prices apply.