NORTH WEST'S LANDFILL SITES - RUBBISH!

as part of its national project to measure the standard of landfill sites in South Africa.

Only 1 out of 15 landfill sites that were audited in the North West province have adhered to national standards. In terms of applicable legislation and regulations, including the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act no. 59 of 2008), a landfill site must adhere to particular standards. This is how the best landfill sites compare to the worst:

Best	Percentage	Worst	Percentage
Mooinooi	94%	Coligny	0%
Rustenburg	62%	Sannieshof	2%
		Koster	4%
		Klerksdorp	10%
		Delareyville	10%
		Lichtenburg	16%
		Vryburg	32%

The audit consists of a list of 33 questions that measure the minimum requirements for landfill sites in South Africa and includes factors such as access control, fires, medical waste. fencing and rehabilitation. A landfill site must obtain at least 80%

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AfriForum audited 127 landfill sites in all nine provinces this year to comply with legislation. According to Alta Pretorius, Sampie Steinberg and Stephen Nel, AfriForum district coordinators in North West, most of the landfill sites in the province are in a shameful state. "This can mainly be attributed to lack of maintenance."

> AfriForum branches will also apply pressure on authorities in their areas to establish waste monitoring committees to improve the waste management process. These committees will consist of municipalities and interested parties wanting to improve waste management in a particular town.

> The audit report will also be handed over to the Green Scorpions for further investigation and action against guilty municipalities. AfriForum will continuously monitor the process to ensure that landfill sites are brought to standard.

AfriForum, media statement, 28 May 2019





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RLM'S NEW BILLING SYSTEM GOES LIVE ON 1 JULY

Rustenburg - The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) will, as from 1 July 2019, implement a new billing system for electricity and water accounts, called the SAGE Evolution system. This billing system which is M-SCOA compliant, is a legislated regime which aims to create a standard approach of reporting financial and nonfinancial information.

The RLM urges residents to direct enquiries on utility accounts should the statements reflect any

The municipality will also continue to make use of the current billing system, the PROMIS, for comparative analysis of end-user consumption for a period of six months from 1 July.

RLM press release, 12 June 2019







DON'T PUT DUSTBINS OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE, WARNS FIDELITY ADT

While it may seem logical to put your wheelie dustbin on the pavement the night before collection morning, it is in fact a security risk, warned Charnel Hattingh, Fidelity ADT's national marketing and communications manager.

"Putting your dustbin out early means that it sits on the pavement overnight and can be used as a perfect step ladder to get up into a tree and over a wall. We are also seeing that recyclers want to have first-pickings of the dustbins contents, so they are entering suburbs during the day and night now which of course causes security issues," she said.

She added that the bins are being bumped over, blocking driveways - which means residents have to get out of their cars in the morning to move the bins, exposing them to potential hijackings in the early hours. "Dustbins also provide a good hiding place for hijackers who may target residents returning from work in the evenings... particularly at this time of year when

it gets darker earlier."

She urged residents to only put their dustbins out on the morning of collection day. "If you are not going to return home at the end of a collection day, ask a neighbour to take your dustbin in. A dustbin left standing on the pavement is a dead give-away that there is nobody home; and remember to never put anything in your dustbin that has all your details on it. Always shred confidential information."

Fidelity ADT press release, 10 June 2019





