



WHAT CAN GO WRONG AND WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENT EFFECTS ?

- 🔥 Taps can be left open or, due to faulty washers, leaks may occur. This can lead to the unnecessary loss of water.
- 🔥 Rubbish can be dumped or faecal matter from e.g. dogs can collect in the area around a standpipe. This can lead to the contamination of water containers when splashing takes place during the filling of containers.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW?

- 🔥 Make a physical inspection of standpipes for leakages.
- 🔥 Make a physical inspection of whether the area around the standpipe is clean and unpolluted.

WHAT TO DO?

- 🔥 Repair faulty washers.
- 🔥 Educate consumers to always close taps after they have used it.
- 🔥 Keep area around the standpipes free of rubbish, by supplying a municipal waste container.
- 🔥 Make sure that all faecal matter is removed from the area around the standpipe before filling any containers.



REFERENCES: DWAF (2002). Quality of domestic water supplies. Volume 5: Management Guide. WRC No. TT 162/01, pp. 34 and 35