

District-wide Odds and Evens Water Restrictions to be introduced on Monday

New consent conditions combined with a forecasted hot summer have resulted in District-wide odds and evens water restrictions being introduced on Monday 12 February.

The restrictions mean all unattended hoses, sprinklers and irrigation systems are banned. Hand-held hoses may be used early in the morning or in the evening on the odds and evens system (at even-numbered houses on even calendar dates, and odd numbered houses on odd calendar dates).

South Taranaki District Council group manager infrastructure services Herbert Denton says that as part of new Taranaki Regional Council consent conditions, if rivers where we take water from, drop to a certain level, we must introduce water restrictions. These new consent conditions are part of the government's freshwater reforms which have a greater focus on preserving the health and vitality of our streams and rivers.

"We are now in the position of needing to implement this to ensure that we have enough drinking water to go around, protect the health of our streams and rivers and respect the principles of Te Mana o te Wai," says Denton. "Residents need to limit non-

essential water use wherever possible and help us by looking for, and fixing, any leaks on your property or farm. All water savings can make a difference."

"We need to appreciate that this is the new normal, not just for South Taranaki but the whole of New Zealand," says Denton. The restrictions will be in place until further notice.

Ways to help conserve water include:

- Avoid watering your lawns
- Choose taking a shower over a bath, but make them short
- Fix any leaks and dripping taps
- Use full loads to wash your clothes and dishes
- Reduce how often you wash your cars and boats
- Do not hose down driveways or buildings
- Report any leaks on the public system to Council so we can have them fixed, phone 0800111323

You can visit www.southtaranaki.com/waterconservation for easy tips and tricks of how you can conserve water in the home and garden.

Upcoming Meetings

Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 14 February, 11am

District Plan Committee
Monday 19 February, 1pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 19 February, 4pm

Eltham Drainage Committee
Wednesday 28 February, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Administration Building on Albion Street, Hāwera.

YOUR RATES PAYMENT IS DUE...

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2023/2024 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Three easy steps to keep up-to-date

1 Follow our Facebook page. Simply search for 'South Taranaki District Council'

2 Get Southlink sent directly to your email inbox on a Wednesday. Sign up at southtaranaki.com/southlink or email southlink@stdc.govt.nz

3 Report issues and get notifications sent to your cellphone. Download the Antenna App.

www.southtaranaki.com/antenna

12 easy ways to save water

DUSK OR DAWN
Water your garden before 8am and after 6pm

TRIGGER UP
Fix a trigger nozzle to hand-held hoses

RAINING? TANK IT
Install a rainwater tank

FIX THE DRIP
Fix dripping taps and leaks around your property

WASH WISELY
Wash vehicles on the lawn. Use a bucket

TAPS OFF PLUG IN
When brushing your teeth or rinsing dishes or food

RECYCLE REUSE
Connect to recycled water for garden, toilets and laundry

LINE UP THE STARS
Choose water efficient appliances. More stars = savings

SHOWER SMART
Install a water saving shower head. Aim for shorter showers

MULCH MUCH?
Put food scraps and compost around trees and shrubs

SHUT OFF THE TAP
Make sure you shut off your taps properly

FILL IT UP!
Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry

Changes in opening hours for free community summer pools

Council is proud to provide towns around the District with community pools, free of charge, that open during the summer months. As we head into the end of the summer pool season, our lifeguards have started to head back to school, opening times and days have changed. Please keep up-to-date with these changes online at www.southtaranaki.com/summerpools or by scanning the QR code.

