



Conserve Water over Summer

We are expecting a long, warm summer

On average, one New Zealand household uses about 500 litres of water every day. That's over 2,000 cups! Your drinking water comes from streams or underground sources (aquifers) which we then treat and distribute to your house through our pipe networks. The more water we all conserve, the less has to be taken from these sources, reducing our environmental impact. Conserving water also means we save on treatment and reticulation costs. So conserving water helps the environment and saves money at the same time. There are a number of things we can do to reduce the amount of water we use in and around the house.

- Take shorter showers.
- Wait until you have a full load before starting the washing machine or dishwasher.
- Wash your fruit and veges in a bowl, rather than running the tap, and then reuse the water.
- Compost or worm farm your food scraps. Waste disposal units use 30 litres of water daily.
- Grow your lawn a little longer in summer.
- Water gardens in the early morning or in the evening once the heat of the day is done.

Staycation or vacation?

Staycation or vacation? Wherever you are this summer take the library with you! Anyone with a library card can access our wide range of ebooks, audiobooks, international newspapers and magazines. Download the Libby, BorrowBox or PressReader apps onto your device and start reading or listening the way you want.

Need help? Pop into one of our seven LibraryPlus centres and ask one of our friendly staff for help.

Don't have a library card? Join online and get immediate access to our online services at <https://ils.stdc.govt.nz> It's free to join and borrow from all South Taranaki LibraryPlus'.

Wherever you holiday this summer, have the library at your fingertips.



Trade Waste Compliance Steadily Improving

Compliance with trade waste rules has improved steadily in South Taranaki over the last year with Council staff actively working alongside businesses to increase their understanding of the importance of discharging their trade waste properly. Council's Trade Waste Officer Komal Devi says many businesses, both large and small, discharge contaminants like grease, fats and oils into the Council's wastewater network. "Large amounts of these contaminants in the system can cause major issues like sewer blockages and wastewater overflows, posing serious risks to public health and pollution of the environment as well as being expensive to get fixed," says Komal. To reduce the likelihood of this happening Council has been working extensively with businesses to get the right equipment and processes implemented and compliant with a trade waste consent. A local business which has committed to complying with the South Taranaki Trade Waste Standards is Yarrows the Bakers in Manaia. Working with Houghton's Plumbing, consultants and the Council, Yarrows has improved their processes and practices to reduce water consumption and solids discharge, improving their trade waste discharge quality overall.

However, while there has been a vast improvement, Komal says the work is not yet complete. "While it's great that 70% have come on board and gained compliance, we're still working on the last 30%. So if you think your business needs a trade waste consent, even if you're not sure, just contact the Council and ask to speak with me. I'm here to help."



Yarrows staff conducting trade waste sampling

Notice of Impounded Stock

Section 49, Part 8 of the Impounding Act 1955

- 1 x Hogget ram - no visual markings
- 1 x Ram lamb - no visual markings

Found roaming on the corner of Perth and Glasgow Streets, Hāwera on Sunday 10 December 2023.

Unless claimed by the owners, the above stock will be sold by public auction at the South Taranaki District Council Pound, Beach Road, Hāwera on 21 December 2023 at 1pm, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

Care for your glass collectors
Keep it level



Can I swim here? Check first

People heading to our lakes, rivers and beaches this summer are encouraged to first check whether the water is safe to swim in. Until March 2024, Taranaki Regional Council will monitor water quality at 41 sites across the region's popular recreational hot spots. Weekly results and warnings are available on www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here. As a rule of thumb you should always avoid swimming for three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall. If the water doesn't look or smell right, it's safest to not enter the water.



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