



Waimate

District Council

WATER NEEDS AND USAGE PREPARATION FOR SUMMER

ALL RURAL WATER SCHEMES

September 2023

With warm temperatures, wind, and below average rainfall forecasted for Canterbury area over the summer this year. Council asks that rural water scheme consumers review their water needs, systems and usage.

Early preparation and good maintenance practices are encouraged. Such as repairing leaking pipes, taps, toilet cisterns, hoses, and other associated plumbing, as well as keeping an eye on any troughs required for stock.

As a lot of Council rural water scheme pipe runs across private property, as well as in the road reserve, we would ask that you please report immediately any water leaks found on the Waimate District Council rural water scheme pipes to (03) 689 0000.

Preparing now helps to minimise the effects of water shortages to you and the district and means that Council can continue to sustainably supply water to your property over the summer.

Reviewing your water storage is important too. Council requires all rural water consumers to have storage capacity of no less than four times your daily water allocation. It is recommended that you allow four times your peak daily usage on your property if it is greater than your daily allocation.

The storage tank or tanks should be sized for a minimum of four days storage. For example, 1,500 litres per day x 4 days = 6,000 litres or greater.

Please see the attached Rural Water Scheme Four Day Storage Policy Brochure for more information:

[Four Day Storage RWS.pdf \(waimatedc.govt.nz\)](https://www.waimatedc.govt.nz/~/media/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/Four_Day_Storage_RWS.pdf)

To help monitor storage and water usage it is recommended to install a 'Tell Tale' water level indicator to show you how much stored water is available in the tank. It also gives warning of issues when there may be water loss through leaks or pipe damage on your property.

If you have any queries, please contact Council on (03) 689 0000 or council@waimatedc.govt.nz.