

# WDC Notices

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH NOTICE

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking -water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

Waitomo district Council is recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

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## WATER CONSERVATION

### Waitomo District is on water alert level 1 - Conservation

- Use sprinklers between 6-8am and 6-8pm.
- Hand-held hosing is allowed anytime.

We ask that residents conserve water use in and around the home to ensure that there is plenty of treated water available.

To help reduce your water use in the garden, try these quick tips:

- Avoid watering in the heat of the day or in windy weather.
- Water your plants every fourth day, for longer periods. This encourages the roots to go deeper into the soil.
- Use a timer with your sprinkler. A forgotten sprinkler wastes more than 1000 litres of water per hour.
- Water the roots, not the leaves. Watering the leaves is not beneficial as it increases water loss through evaporation.
- Use a trigger hose to control the water while moving the hose around.
- Use a good mulch. This can prevent up to 70% of evaporation loss.
- Don't water the paths. Cleaning with a broom is more efficient.

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