



CONSERVING WATER OVER SUMMER

All of the water that flows into homes connected to a Council water supply, is good enough to drink. That's right – the water in the toilet, washing machine, hose and faucet all comes from the Water Treatment Plant and has been treated to be safe for human consumption.

At home only a small percentage of water is used for drinking. The rest is used for cooking, cleaning, washing, flushing the toilet, watering the garden and washing vehicles and property.

WAITOMO DISTRICT WATER SUPPLIES ARE ON LEVEL 1: CONSERVATION

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

It is important as a community to have good water conservation habits all year round. However, we need to reduce water use during summer, as this is when water is most scarce and when the water supplies have their highest demand. Simple actions at home can make a big difference:

- **PUT IN THE PLUG TO WASH FRUIT AND VEGGIES OR FOR RINSING DISHES.**
- **DO FULL LOADS IN THE DISHWASHER & WASHING MACHINE – THIS SAVES WATER AND POWER!**
- **TURN THE TAP OFF WHEN BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OR SHAVING.**
- **PROMOTE SHORTER SHOWERS & INSTALL AN EFFICIENT SHOWERHEAD – THIS CAN SAVE 50 LITRES OF WATER FOR EACH SIX-MINUTE SHOWER.**
- **AVOID FLUSHING WIPES & RUBBISH DOWN THE TOILET. THROW THEM IN THE BIN.**
- **FIX LEAKY TAPS AND TOILETS RIGHT AWAY. A SMALL, REGULAR DRIP COULD WASTE HUNDREDS OF LITRES OF WATER A WEEK.**

Outdoors:

- **WATER YOUR GARDEN IN THE EARLY MORNING AND LATE EVENING.**
- **DON'T CUT YOUR LAWN TOO SHORT OR TOO OFTEN IN SUMMER.**
- **COVER SWIMMING & SPA POOLS WHEN NOT IN USE.**
- **USE A BROOM TO SWEEP SIDEWALKS AND PAVED AREAS. USING A HOSE FOR THIS CAN WASTE 1,000 LITRES OF WATER PER HOUR.**

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A LIMIT ON OUR WATER SOURCE?

Our maximum water take consent for the Mangaokewa Stream is 4,800m³ per day.

Te Kuiti township generally uses around 3,800m³ of water per day (including industrial businesses).

If the Waipa and Waikato river drops below the average flow, then we have to reduce our water take to 4,080m³ per day.

This means during summer when river levels drop and water consumption increases, we must manage our water supply carefully.

Restrictions help to manage the demand for water, to ensure there will be enough for the essential needs of households, businesses, and public services.



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