

Monday, October 3

Level 3 water restrictions start in Christchurch on 8 October

Christchurch residents face the start of Level 3 water restrictions from Saturday, 8 October.

Christchurch City Council has been warning residents of likely restrictions for several months.

“We are working hard to repair reservoirs, damaged wells and drill new wells but we need Christchurch residents to limit their outdoor water use now. This is a city-wide issue,” says Council Water and Waste Manager Mark Christison.

Christchurch’s water supply systems were badly damaged during the 4 September, 22 February and 13 June earthquakes. The level of damage means that for the first time since the drought of 1998, Christchurch will face water restrictions until at least February 2012.

“If we don’t start conserving water now, with an aim to reduce the traditional summer-time outdoor water demand, total outdoor watering bans will have to be imposed for the city,” says Mark.

“By everyone playing their part now and abiding by Level 3 restrictions, it is hoped we will be able to move through the summer period without more severe restrictions.

In detail, Level 3 water restrictions mean:

- No one waters outdoors on Mondays.
- Residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their gardens on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- Residents with even-numbered street addresses can water their gardens on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Sprinklers, garden irrigation systems and unattended hoses are not permitted at any time.
- Car washing is permitted on the allocated day.

“All Christchurch residents need to adhere to these restrictions. We need everyone to work together, share ideas on how to conserve water and help reduce the demand on our fragile water systems while the infrastructure is being repaired.”

For more information, see www.becomewaterwise.co.nz or share your water-saving tips on www.facebook.co.nz/ChristchurchCityCouncil

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