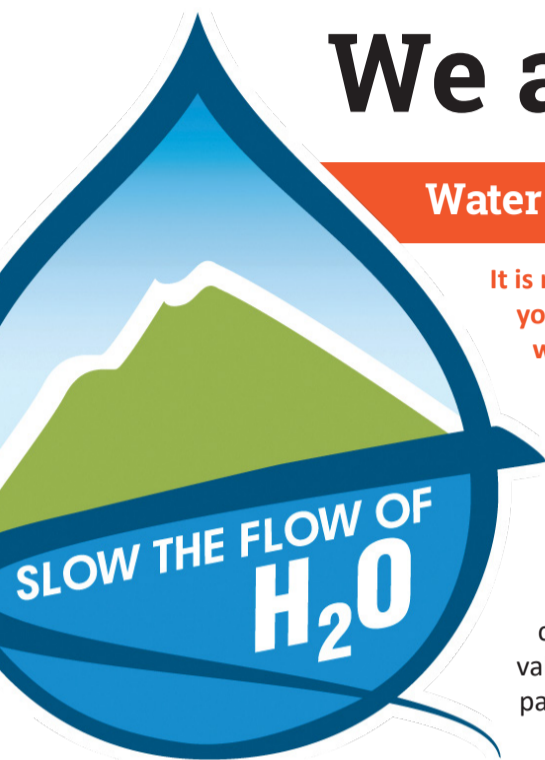


We are expecting a hot summer

Water Restrictions are likely this Summer - fix leaks and conserve water now



It is more important than ever for you to fix leaks and conserve water wherever possible as streams are now under more pressure due to variances in rainfall, temperature and increased land and water use and/or losses which, all add to impacts on cultural values, the environment and aquatic life. Recent legislation and regulation changes point us all to respect and value water, via Te Mana o te Wai. As part of new Taranaki Regional Council consent conditions, if rivers where we take water from drop to a

certain level, we must introduce water restrictions.

Checking your water meter is one of the best things you can do to see how efficient you are being with your water use, or whether there are any leaks on farm. Generally, there should be little water use in the middle of the night. By reading your meters in the evening and checking it again first thing in the morning, the difference in the readings could be due to water leak(s). See the example pictured to the right.

For instance overflowing stock water troughs lose a lot of water and so do leaks from water pipes. If not repaired promptly, leaks will also add significantly to water bills – which consumers are liable for. Water resources in our rural water

The example below shows that about 25 litres of water were used during the night. This indicates a leak.



Previous night's reading
10:00pm



Early-morning reading
7:00am

schemes are always in high demand during the peak season. The water supply is limited and it is important that all users do what they can to manage their water use efficiently to ensure there is enough water to go around. One of the easiest things to do is to check your meter and check for leaks.

You know your property best; some obvious checks include:

- Is there a tank filling overnight?
- Is there a ballcock set too high in a trough causing constant overflow?
- Is there water flowing through the milk pre-cooler?
- Undertaking a simple meter reading overnight could save a lot of time, money and save impacts on the environment.

Check troughs regularly

An important preventative measure for leaks is having a maintenance system for water troughs that staff know.

- Use time bringing in the cows to look out for anything on the farm that might need attention, such as overflowing or empty water troughs.
- Tilting troughs slightly toward the race will make it easier to spot water loss on the drive by.
- Carrying spare parts and tools on the farm bike allows for the immediate repair of simple problems.
- Schedule in regular trough maintenance. Include replacing troublesome ballcocks and checking balls, strings, arms and pins. Have a system to record and sign off these checks.

What are we doing?

To prepare for the expected long, hot summer,

- We are assessing our own networks for leaks and fixing them where possible and practical.
- We also check the quarterly meter readings and notify property owners if there is higher-than-normal water consumption.
- We are conducting leak detection in targeted areas and notifying property owners of potential leaks.

If you discover a leak outside of private properties, please contact our contact centre and report it by calling 0800 111 323.

The easiest way to stay up-to-date

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