



Think water sense this summer

Summer is here, and it's time to start thinking about conserving water so we can all keep enjoying a reliable water service through the hotter and drier months.

Through good planning and investment in our water supplies, the Council is in a good position to meet increased water demand during summer, and there is no immediate need for mandatory water restrictions. However, if demand for water increases over summer then water restrictions may be introduced requiring households to avoid watering lawns at specific times, Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington says.

"Water supplies are often placed under pressure during summer as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time. So, we're encouraging people to think about their water use. If everyone plays their part we should be able to avoid restrictions and provide water at a good pressure all summer long."

To help this happen, the Council is recommending that people limit garden and lawn watering to after 9pm, to keep it away from peak usage times and ensure the sun doesn't quickly evaporate the used water. If you are considering watering your lawn during the day, it is best to check the conditions and make sure that it won't be too hot or windy when you do it, which would reduce the effectiveness of the water use.

Tips for managing your water use:

- Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day.
- Water for shorter periods, for example, setting your system to run for three five-minute intervals over a couple of hours lets the soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes continuously
- Use a watering can or hose
- Check hoses or taps for leaks and make sure sprinklers are watering the plants not the driveway, footpath or buildings.

When to water your lawn

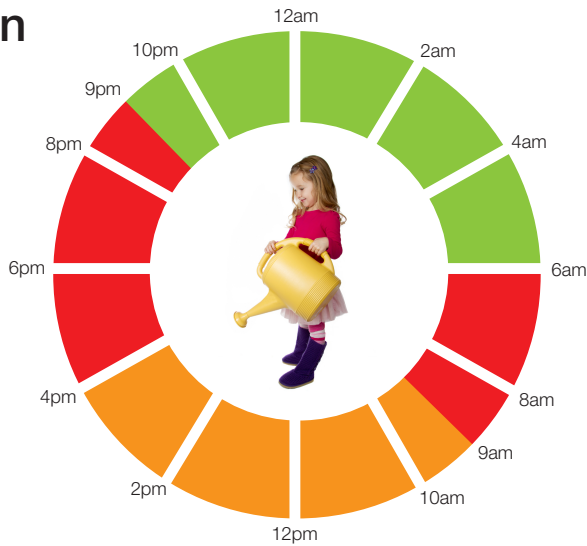
● Don't irrigate

Between 6–9am or 4–9pm daily.

● Check weather conditions before watering

While there are no water restrictions at this time, we recommend you check weather conditions before watering. Watering your lawn during the middle of the day during hot days, or when a nor' west is blowing results in a lot of water evaporating and watering in these conditions is not recommended. Watering on a cooler, overcast day is a better option as this provides the best opportunity for water to soak into your lawn or garden.

● Irrigate wisely



Are you looking to host a Christmas or New Year's get together with your neighbours?

Here in Selwyn we encourage you to organise your own local street gathering so you can get to know your neighbours. The Council currently has funding available and is offering a subsidy of up to \$75 per street gathering through our Meet Your Street fund (conditions apply). For more information or to apply visit selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet or email meetyourstreet@selwyn.govt.nz.

More than a decade of success with dogs

Almost 150 dogs will be spending their golden years in Selwyn this year.

In Selwyn, dogs that are 14 years or older and have been registered with the Council on time for 10 years are eligible for Gold Tag status and don't have to pay annual registration fees.

This year 149 dogs received their Gold Tag status. They are among the 14,045 dogs registered with the Council for the 2019/20 year. It's the eleventh year in a row that the Council has achieved 100% re-registration and the fastest the target has been achieved.

The Gold Tag policy was brought in five years ago as a way to recognise good ownership, and part of the Council Animal Control team's work to support owners, Senior Animal Control Officer Steve Clarke says.

Most dog owners in Selwyn are responsible and take good care of their dogs, and the Council makes an effort to work with people to help get all dogs registered, Steve says.

"People out here are pretty good, they love their dogs. We do have the power to seize a dog, but we haven't had to do that for a few years. It's education over enforcement."

The comparatively low registration fee of \$40 if people register early, and an easy online system to register and receive reminders also helps, he says.

Fees collected from registration help fund the Council's dog control operation, which operates 24/7. It includes community education, the 'Dog Smart' education programme provided in schools, enforcement activities, operating the dog pound and providing free microchipping for the district's dogs.

To sign up for notifications and online registration, visit selwyn.govt.nz/dogs, email dogrego@selwyn.govt.nz, or phone the Council on 347 2800.

A surprising move to Selwyn

Continuing our series celebrating the Faces of Selwyn. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn for the full story.

When Adam Thomas first looked at a property in Rolleston 25 years ago it wasn't the first choice of places to live.

"When I told my wife Jane I'd found a nice house on a nice bit of land near Rolleston, she said 'It would have to be nice to move to Rolleston'. It was a few houses, a fish and chip shop, and a prison back then."

Adam, who was raised in Selwyn, says the area suited them when they began looking for a rural property and worked well as the town began growing with their family, giving the children an outdoor lifestyle with links to town.

"The first subdivision started after we moved in. Rolleston was starting to grow and it was an exciting place to be. It was a friendly community. Still is, but you don't bump into so many familiar faces in the shops as you used to. When our eldest started in 2000 at Rolleston Primary School there was about 180 pupils. When the youngest left in 2011 there was 800 and it wasn't the only school."

Jane, a Library Assistant at the Christchurch College of Education and later at Lincoln Library, ran a 'music for tots' group for parents with preschoolers, and was on the Parent Teacher Association at Rolleston Primary School.

Adam worked in Lincoln, at Landcare Research and at AgResearch. He has been a member of the Lincoln Badminton Club since his teens, was on the board of trustees at Rolleston Primary School and a member of the now disbanded Rotoract Club for younger people to be engaged socially and in community work.

After 25 years they're glad they made the shift.

"We both like being out of the city. We enjoy visiting the city, but prefer to live with a bit of space around us. We know the area and Rolleston still works for us. We certainly wouldn't change anything now. It worked out well."



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR LINCOLN CAR PARK

The Council has received an application from Lincoln University for a resource consent to construct and operate a car park at 85 Ellesmere Junction Road (northwest of the Ellesmere Junction/ Springs Road intersection). The car park would have 382 car parking spaces and be built

in two stages – 203 spaces in stage one and 179 spaces in stage two. You can view the application and access the forms required to make a submission (Form 13) online at selwyn.govt.nz/notifiedconsents, or at any Council service centre. Submissions can be made online or by sending a written submission to the Council at 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, Attention: Resource Consents

Administrator. A copy of your submission must also be sent to Lincoln University, C/- AECOM, Level 2, 2 Hazeldean Road, Addington, Christchurch 8024. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Consultant Planner Jane Anderson on Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz or 03 347 2800. Submissions close 5pm Thursday 30 January 2020.

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five days before the meeting.* Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council
Wed 11 Dec 1pm

Rolleston Offices

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow
Tue 10 Dec 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 16 Dec 7pm
Dunsandel Hotel

Ellesmere Reserve Board – AGM with ordinary meeting to follow
Tue 17 Dec 7.30pm
Leeston Library

Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 16 Dec 7.30pm

Kirwee Community Hall

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow
Thu 19 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Sheffield/Waddington Reserve Committee – Triennial meeting
Wed 11 Dec 7pm
Sheffield Pavilion

Weedons Residents' Association
Tue 10 Dec 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Districts Residents' Association
Wed 11 Dec 7.30pm
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Council services holiday hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

Council headquarters in Rolleston will be closed from 12 midday Tuesday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Friday 3 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections scheduled on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December) will take place on Saturday 28 December. Collections scheduled on New Year's Day (Wednesday 1 January) will take place on Saturday 4 January. All other collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre is closed from Sunday 22 December. Lincoln Event Centre and Tai Tapu Community Centre are closed from Monday 23 December. Rolleston Community Centre is closed Monday 23 December. All centres reopen on Monday 6 January.

All Selwyn Libraries will be closed from 12 midday, Tuesday 24 December, reopening from Friday 27 to Tuesday 31 December, 10am–4pm. Leeston and Darfield libraries will be closed on Sunday 29 December. All libraries will resume normal hours from Friday 3 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed for the statutory holidays. It will be open on Sunday 22 December from 8am–8pm, and on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 from 6am–6pm. From Friday 27 December to Monday 30 December and from Thursday 2 January to Sunday 5 January it will be open 8am–8pm. On Tuesday 31 December the centre will be open 8am–6pm. Normal hours will resume on Monday 6 January.

Animal Control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The Council's customer contact line will be operating 24 hours a day over the Christmas and New Year break for urgent issues, phone (03) 347 2800.

Council customer centre and main entrance open

Visitors to the Council's Rolleston offices can now use the main entrance again – and will be welcomed into a bright new customer services centre.

The public entry doors off the main Norman Kirk Drive entrance are back in action this week after six months using a temporary entrance, while refurbishment and an office extension were under construction. The project included building a new customer centre, which is now partly open. Public parking next to the main entrance has also been reinstated.



On the roads this week

Gerald Street, Lincoln, will be closed from 8am–1pm Saturday 14 December for the Lincoln Christmas Parade. From 10.20am there will be a rolling closure along Kildare Terrace, North Belt and West Belt, reopening as the last float passes. A detour will be in place. Any queries can be directed to Joanne Harkerss 3472 887.

Footpath construction will be taking place in Darfield on South Terrace. This footpath will be closed during construction.

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY
14
DECEMBER

Lincoln Christmas Parade

Gerald Street, Lincoln, from 9am
Enjoy a wide range of entertainment, including bands, clowns, bouncy castles and a 'decorate your bike' competition, along with a Christmas Market.

SATURDAY
14
DECEMBER

Carols in the Paddock

569 Springston Rolleston Road, Lincoln, from 5.30pm
Join in a family-friendly evening of your favourite Christmas music, along with food, a bouncy castle and lots of fun. Brought to you by Hope Presbyterian Rolleston. Music from 7pm.

SUNDAY
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DECEMBER

Outdoor Movie – The Santa Clause

The Lincoln Green, 6–8pm
Grab your nearest and dearest and get into the Christmas spirit with the first of our family friendly outdoor movies this summer, The Santa Clause. Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge screen.

THURSDAY
19
DECEMBER

Christmas Twilight Market

Lincoln Green, 4–8pm
Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market are holding their Christmas Twilight Market on the Green beside the Lincoln Library. Special appearance by the Selwyn Community Choir and lots of opportunities to get those last minute Christmas gifts.

THURSDAY
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DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime

All Selwyn Libraries, 6–7pm
Dress up as your favourite Christmas character and help us celebrate the festive season with stories, songs and a treasure hunt. For details visit selwynlibraries.co.nz

UNTIL
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JANUARY

Summer at Te Huanui

Te Huanui art gallery, Darfield, Selected hours Tuesday to Sunday
The annual summer exhibition from the gallery, showcasing the talents of more than 60 artists in a variety of mediums from painting and photography to jewellery and pottery. The cash-and-carry exhibition is just in time for the festive season, with all works in the gallery available for immediate sale.

For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
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