



Media Release  
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## Information for Selwyn District Residents

Selwyn Residents should brace themselves for further snow, and strong winds.

The latest forecast is for snow to affect the District from above 200 metres tomorrow

Snow above 200m, with sleety showers elsewhere. Gale southerlies, gusting 100km/h in exposed places and bringing large waves to south facing beaches. Wind chill will be severe. Snow accumulations may reach 1m above 300m for inland parts of Canterbury and South Marlborough.

Further snow may affect the district today and tomorrow. Snow is forecast to fall to near sea level and to be heavy above 300 metres.

Heavy rain has fallen in some of the eastern areas of Selwyn overnight. The west of Selwyn District has also been affected by a light snowfall.

Residents living in Doyleston are being asked to avoid flushing their toilets. Heavy rain overnight has affected the town's sewerage system. Leeston residents are also asked to minimise toilet flushing.

One of three sewerage pumping stations in Doyleston is not currently working and portaloos will be brought in soon for residents in Greenham Place who are serviced by to this station.

Council contractors are clearing drain blockages and water from roads where this is possible. Water levels appear to be receding.

Darfield has been affected by a light snowfall and in high country areas snowfall has also been light. Council Contractors are also working to clear main roads of snow. Rain is now falling in many areas.

A small number of properties in the Lower Selwyn Huts settlement have also been evacuated due to flooding from Lake Ellesmere.

Surface flooding has also affected a number of the roads in Selwyn District with light snow on roads in the western areas of the District and surface flooding in some areas in the east of the District. Road users are asked to be very careful when driving.

State Highway 73 from Springfield to Arthurs Pass is closed due to snow. All fords on the Hawkins River, Waireka River and Selwyn River in Selwyn District are also closed.

Residents needing assistance should contact the Council on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

Any updates to this notice will be posted online at [Selwyn.govt.nz](http://Selwyn.govt.nz).

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