



Media Release
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Update for Selwyn Residents

Heavy rain fell again last night in the eastern areas of Selwyn District. As a result of this, surface flooding is affecting many roads. People should stay off the roads if possible or be very cautious on the roads if driving is essential.

Significant flooding is also currently affecting Leeston, Doyleston, Southbridge, Tai Tapu and Lincoln townships.

A large amount of water has infiltrated the wastewater systems in Tai Tapu, Leeston and Lincoln. Currently pump stations are still operating despite this. Residents living in these areas should check our website for updates in case this situation changes. Residents living in these areas are also being asked to reduce toilet flushing, and also avoid using dishwashers, washing machines or taking showers or baths where possible to reduce the amount of water released into the wastewater network.

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.

Council contractors will be working to remove water from roads and clear drains where possible today. Rain may continue today but it is forecast to be fine tomorrow and remain fine for several days.

As the Council is receiving many requests for help, calls will be prioritised so that the most urgent requests are dealt with first. The Council can be contacted on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338. Emergency calls should be directed to 111.

Any updates to this notice will be posted online at Selwyn.govt.nz.

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