



Media Release
Thursday 20 June, 6pm

Update for Selwyn Residents

Selwyn Residents should brace themselves for further snow over the next 24 hours.

The latest forecast is for snow to affect parts of Selwyn district above 200 metres. 20-50cms of snow is expected above 300 metres and 60-100cms of snow is expected above 500 metres in Canterbury by lunchtime tomorrow.

Last night heavy rain fell in some of the eastern areas of Selwyn and light snowfall affected the west of the district.

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 have been brought in for residents in Greenham Place who are serviced by this station.

Surface flooding has also affected a number of the roads in Selwyn District with snow on some roads in the western areas of the District and surface flooding in some areas in the east of the District. Motorists are asked to very careful when driving and only undertake essential journeys.

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 are clearing drain blockages and water from roads where this is possible.

The water level in Leeston, Southbridge and Doyleston is not expected to rise tonight or tomorrow morning.

The Council has received a large number of requests to sandbag properties around Leeston, Doyleston and Southbridge and we do not have the capacity to respond to all requests. While we appreciate that residents are concerned that water may reach inside their property, in nearly all the reports we have received this has not occurred.

Only requests which endanger people or where it is likely that water will reach inside properties will be responded to between sunset Thursday and sunrise Friday.

The Council will reassess the flooding situation and how sandbagging requests will be dealt with tomorrow.

Any updates to this notice will be posted online at Selwyn.govt.nz. For public enquiries please phone 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

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