

Christchurch City Council



DRINKING WATER

The Christchurch City Council is recommending residents flush a cup of water from their drinking water taps each morning, in line with Ministry of Health recommendations.

The Ministry of Health advises some plumbing fittings potentially allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water left in the fittings for several hours.

“The health risk is low,” says Canterbury’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr Alistair Humphrey.

“However, we recommend flushing a small amount of water from your drinking tap each morning, or after you’ve been away from your property, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.”

The Ministry of Health is recommending this simple precaution for all households in New Zealand, including those on public and private water supplies in the Christchurch and Banks Peninsula areas.

For the purpose of water conservation, the Council suggests using this water for watering plants or dishwashing.

For more information, contact the Christchurch City Council on (03) 941-8999, or the South Island Drinking Water Assessment Unit (at Community and Public Health, a division of the Canterbury District Health Board), on (03) 364-1777.

WATER RESTRICTIONS IN AKAROA

Christchurch City Council is introducing level one water restrictions in Akaroa on 5th December 2014.

This means Akaroa residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their gardens on odd-numbered days of the month, and those with even-numbered street addresses can water on even-numbered days.

Most water supplies in Banks Peninsula are fed by streams, which are usually at their lowest when the summer demand is at its highest. This puts a huge strain on the water supply.

Christchurch City Council asks Banks Peninsula residents and visitors to conserve water in general. Washing cars and boats and irrigating gardens can put a huge strain on the water supply. If the situation becomes more serious, it is possible the level of restriction will need to be increased.

Any change to the level of restriction will be advertised on the water restriction signs in Akaroa, via the newspaper, at www.ccc.govt.nz or by calling (03) 941-8999 or 0800 800 169 for information.