



Media Release

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Water Restrictions Eased

Restrictions have been lifted on the Summerhill and Oxford Urban No. 2 water supply following recent rain boosting the flows in the Waimakariri and Ashley Rivers.

Because restrictions on Summerhill and Oxford Rural No. 1 supplies are entirely dependent on the river levels it may, however, be necessary to reinstate restrictions if there is not sufficient rainfall over the next few weeks to maintain flows above minimum levels.

The Council has also managed to reinstate the Gammans Creek well on the Oxford Urban water supply and while it is not yet operating at full capacity this additional flow together with careful use of water by Oxford residents has meant restrictions on the Oxford Urban and Oxford Rural No. 2 supplies can also be eased back to Level 1 restrictions.

The Council is very grateful to Oxford residents for their careful observation of the watering restrictions which has enabled them to get through the period of limited capacity without any reported problems.

Because water use on the Garrymere schemes has also now dropped significantly, restrictions there have also been reduced from Level 2 to Level 1 restrictions.

In summary,

- Restrictions on Summerhill and Oxford Rural No. 1 supplies have been lifted.
- Rangiora, Oxford Urban, Oxford Rural No. 2 and Garrymere supplies have Level 1 restrictions. This means odd and even numbered properties can water on odd and even calendar days, respectively.

All residents are encouraged to continue to conserve water, especially on the above schemes where a higher level of restriction will be required if water demands increase significantly.

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