

Summertime in Ruapehu is



FUN!

But!

Remember... To keep everyone happy this summer council would like you to remember a few simple things to ensure everyone remains safe and sound. Please think about your pets and livestock if you are going away and ensure they have plenty of feed and water, and as we are lucky to live in a beautiful area lets all do our bit to keep it that way and look after our environment by recycling, conserving water, and being safe with fire.

Swimming Pool Safety



Unattended **children and water** are a lethal mix. As the hot weather arrives and the kids want to cool off remember children **must never be left alone** around water - even for the shortest time.

Any pool over 400mm deep which includes blow-up pools and spa pools are governed by the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act and **must be properly fenced**.

Note: Spa pools with lockable lids still need to be fenced to legal requirements. If you want to confirm the legal situation with your pool please phone your local council office.

Noise



The warmer days bring parties of many descriptions. Council's Compliance team wish you all well with your holiday plans and festivities. However just as we like to see you, you may not like a visit from the team if it is for a noise complaint about your party.

Please **have consideration for your neighbours** around you. Not everyone has days off the same as you and some are not tolerant of loud music until the early hours of the morning!

To help with the planning and hopefully avoiding having your stereo impounded or a hefty fine being issued to you please remember **some helpful hints**;

- Location, location location!! Very important! Think about the best place to locate your party to cause the least disruption to your neighbours. Ensure the stereo isn't put outside where your neighbours are blasted. Garage sheds are often not a good idea as they are not insulated.
- Stereo systems that have extra equalisers/speakers are usually those that are impounded. **Fact!** If you have a stereo impounded the cost to have it returned is \$231.00, plus you may be infringed \$500.00 for not complying with the first warning.
- Peoples voices; often we are told we cannot impound a person..tis true, but we do warn people that any excessive noise coming from their property may result in the infringement for \$500.00 - irrespective of how this noise is created.
- Inform your neighbours you are having a party. This consideration can go along way.
- If your music sounds too loud at the nearest boundary, then it probably is excessive!

Pets & livestock

These holidays please **plan ahead** and make sure you **have someone to care for your pets** if you are leaving them at home while you and the family go away. For livestock ensure they have access to plenty of good feed, shade and clean water. Our animals rely on us to do the right thing.

Our **pets** are loyal companions and need to be well looked after. Dogs **should have** a kennel with enough room for **exercise** and **shelter** from the elements along with plenty of **fresh water and food**.

Council's friendly Compliance Team will be about these holidays and so if you are worried about a dog left alone, or another animal welfare issue, please give us a call on 07 895 8188.

Water conservation

Although we have had some much needed rain recently this has come on the back of an extreme dry spell which has seen Ruapehu dry off a lot earlier than normal and saw many farmers selling or drying off stock. The recent dry spell saw river levels in the district almost drop to their 'trigger point' levels where water restrictions would have been imposed. From those low river flows we need a lot of rain to restore water levels to where there is no stress on our environment. As we are only at the beginning of summer council is urging all Ruapehu communities to do all they can to save water and make every drop count.

Handheld hoses in evening



Every other day
7pm-9pm

Water conservation tips

| Please do | Please do NOT |
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| Take short showers not baths ✓ | Wash vehicles ❌ |
| Fix any leaks and dripping taps ✓ | Fill swimming pools ❌ |
| Use full loads to wash clothes or dishes ✓ | Water the garden in the heat of the day ❌ |
| Check water troughs ✓ | Wash down the house, driveway, patio, etc with the hose ❌ |

Fire Danger

Fire is one of the biggest threats the Ruapehu District faces over summer.



C'mon - Keep it GREEN!