



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL



STORMWATER **FAQ's**



What does the term “Three Waters” mean?

Councils typically own and manage Three Waters assets – these are Drinking Water, Wastewater (including Trade Waste) and Stormwater.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rain that runs off our roads, footpaths, driveways, hard landscaped areas and from our roof gutters into the stormwater system and eventually into our streams, rivers and sea. Unlike wastewater, which gets treated at a treatment plant, much of stormwater does not get treated. This means everything that goes into the stormwater system will eventually end up at sea. We all share a responsibility for keeping our stormwater system clean, so our environment is not negatively impacted.

Why do Council need to have Stormwater Bylaw?

Bylaws are rules or regulations made by Council. We need a Stormwater Bylaw to control the management and discharge of stormwater from both Public and Private Stormwater Drainage Systems.

What is Council's Stormwater Bylaw all about?

The Stormwater Bylaw is about protecting the environment and maintaining public health and safety through the management of stormwater.

The Stormwater Bylaw has reference to a Stormwater Drainage Protection Plan. How does this fit into the Bylaw in terms of managing stormwater?

A Stormwater Drainage Protection Plan may be required by Council for managing stormwater discharges from sites where there is reasonable probability that contamination could enter the public stormwater system. The Plan is to help ensure your site is managed in such a way to protect the stormwater system and is a written record so you and your employees know how to minimise the potential for pollution to occur.

Isn't Stormwater a District Council matter?

So how does the Hawke's Bay Regional Council fit into our District Council's obligations? While stormwater is a District Council matter in terms of its management in urban areas (including both residential and business areas), the resource consenting of discharges to the environment is a statutory duty of the Regional Council. The Regional Council are the decision makers on what discharges can occur to the environment. The District Council puts in place measures (one example is the Stormwater Drainage Protection Plans required within the Stormwater Bylaw) to meet these Regional Council requirements.

What do I need to do if I want to connect to a Council Stormwater System?

Clause 9 of the Stormwater Bylaw covers connections to the Stormwater Drainage Network – you must apply in writing to the Council on the standard Council 'application to connect form'

www.chbdc.govt.nz/services/stormwater

This must be accompanied by the prescribed charges as well as assessment of required attenuation measures using the online stormwater detention calculator tool.

I know that stormwater should not enter Council's wastewater system. What are my responsibilities as a property owner to ensure this does not happen?

Every property should check their stormwater system. Have a look outside and if it looks like the stormwater is or could be going into the wastewater system, you must get it fixed. Stormwater is most likely to enter the wastewater gully trap from either a downpipe directly discharging to it or runoff and ponding from the surrounding area overtopping into the wastewater gully trap.

I have a private stormwater drainage system. As an owner of a property what are my responsibilities for my private system under the Stormwater Bylaw?

Maintenance of a private stormwater drainage system is the responsibility of the owner. This means that all private pipes, gutters, storage or treatment devices and any other components of the private system should be in good working order and not causing nuisance by flooding or discharge of contaminants.

Who do I report a spill, flooding or interference in the Stormwater network to?

If it is an emergency dial 111 for Emergency Services before contacting Council. If you would like to report something that is not an emergency, you can call Council 24/7 on **06 857 8060**, or use our APP: Snap, Send, Solve. The Central Hawke's Bay District Council have a response and reporting procedure they will implement.