

# Don't forget...

We need to receive your water metering records by:

# 31 July



## Are you using the best measuring equipment for your property?

- If you're experiencing frequent issues with your metering system and faced with non-compliance, you may need to re-evaluate your measuring device and data recording system.
- Consider upgrading to telemetry if you're currently using a data logger and you're within a mobile coverage area. This way, any issues with the meter or data recording will be picked up instantly and not at the end of the year when you try to download the data from the logger.
- Be aware that mechanical meters are prone to issues with accuracy due to wear and tear. Verification of other meter types may only need to be done every five years as opposed to every year, saving you money in the long-term.
- Service providers will be able to tell you what is best suited for your situation, and they should supply and install your meter too.
- If you don't have a water metering device installed yet, you are likely to have difficulty proving your historic water usage when renewing your consent.



## How we can help

Let us know if you have any queries by emailing us at: [watmetering@orc.govt.nz](mailto:watmetering@orc.govt.nz)

Especially when:

- Your measuring device has issues, or you think it isn't recording correctly
- You have experienced a flood or had to flush out your open channel
- You need a copy of your consent
- You want to see your past water usage
- You want confirmation on submission deadlines

## Handy tip



Click this icon under *alerts* at [www.orc.govt.nz](http://www.orc.govt.nz) to monitor river levels or in the event of a flood near you.

## Working with your service provider

- Regularly check in with your service provider or data host to keep on top of your requirements under your consent.
- We have a list of companies involved with the installation of water measuring equipment on our website: [www.orc.govt.nz/watmetering](http://www.orc.govt.nz/watmetering)
- Service providers with an Irrigation NZ Blue Tick Approval are our preferred providers. Please approach these water metering service providers directly to discuss your options.
- Under Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Amendment Regulations 2020, telemetry unit installation and daily data export will be required for all consumptive takes of 5 l/s and more.

For additional information, see MfE website: [environment.govt.nz/publications/measuringand-reporting-water-takes/](http://environment.govt.nz/publications/measuringand-reporting-water-takes/)

## Are you compliant with your resource consent?

- Make sure your measuring device is recording accurately by completing several checks during the irrigation season, especially after significant rainfall events or an increase in sediment.
- Submit your verification paperwork to us for water meters (due yearly to five yearly depending on type of meter installed). Have an approved verifier carry out the verification.
- Check your consent to see how often the verification needs to be carried out.
- Check your consent for the expiry date and apply for a new consent at least six months before expiry.



## Online resources

We have a range of documents to help with your water metering including:

- Companies involved with the installation of water measuring equipment
- Minimum requirements for measurement and reporting of water takes
- Frequently Asked Questions about the regulations
- Water measuring devices guide
- Water use calendar template

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