

Recovery update Friday 25 July 2025

MetService weather update

It's important to note that being 4 days from the onset of the forecast wet weather there is still considerable uncertainty on the details of the event, but early indications are that there could be significant rain accompanied by strong winds on Tuesday.

The area covered is Golden Bay, over the Tākaka Hill to Riwaka/Mārahau/Brooklyn, also all of the Motueka catchment and along the Richmond range through Richmond/Nelson and onto the Sounds. This area includes the Wai-iti and Moutere valleys.

Forecasters are watching the situation closely and will have a clearer picture of the weather during the next few days.

Stay up to date with watches and warnings by clicking this link.

<https://www.metservice.com/warnings/home#upper-south>

Civil Defence Emergency Management is on the case and is prepared with plans, personnel and resources ready to go should they be needed.

Are you ready?

We're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best, but if either of the last two weather events affected you or your property, there's a chance the next round of bad weather may do so again.

Roads that suffered slips and flooding may do so again.

The good news is that we have a couple of days to get prepared.

Now is a good time to assess your personal situation and stock up on supplies if you need to.

Here are a few tips to help you get ready.

- Keep up to date with MetService weather forecasts.
- Is your emergency kit up to date? Make sure you have food and water to last three days (up to seven days for more remote areas), and a battery-powered radio to stay informed.
- Do you have a plan? What would happen if the heavy rainfall happens during the day or at night? Make sure you are ready if the weather did turn bad.
- Check on your neighbours and anyone who might need your help.
- Put safety first. Don't take any chances.
- In an emergency, call 111.
- Do not attempt to drive or walk through floodwaters unless it is essential.

Go to <https://getready.govt.nz/> for more tips on how to prepare.

Waste management

You may also want to take the opportunity to get things cleaned up over the next couple of days. Careful consideration needs to be given to the disposal of different kinds of storm waste. Silt, agricultural waste, and flood debris all need to be handled differently.

We know that cleaning up flood waste is an added challenge at this difficult time.

To help, we've put together options for the different flood waste streams caused by the recent flooding events - with an emphasis on supporting our region with the safe and effective management.

The key points

- Contact your insurance provider in first instance and document all waste and related costs
- Prioritise on-site management and reuse where appropriate
- Apply to the [Mayoral fund](#) for assistance if appropriate
- Emphasise health and safety through safe handling of contaminated materials

- Don't burn prohibited items (e.g., plastics netting, irrigation piping, baleage wrap, rubber (tyres) and treated timber)
- Keep silt/sediment contained and document any material movement to reduce risk of spreading pests such as Asiatic knotweed.

If you need on-site advice, please contact Council and we'll arrange a waste advisor to visit you and give advice on waste disposal options for you.

<https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-region/flood-recovery/what-to-do-with-your-flood-related-waste>

Info for farmers and growers

A flood recovery checklist for flood-affected farmers and growers in the Nelson, Tasman, and Marlborough areas is now available on MPI's website.

It has helpful information, tips and hints like this helpful checklist.

- You're not alone Reach out to neighbours, industry bodies, Rural Support Trust, MPI, councils, and community support networks.
- Safety first Prioritise yourself, your people, animals, and property before recovery work.
- Celebrate what you've already achieved You're on the journey!
- "Functional over fabulous" Focus first on what gets things working again.
- Know your key drivers Identify and prioritise the key things that sustains your business.
- Simple plan, small steps Keep it short, break it down, and take it one task at a time.
- Track progress visually. Use a whiteboard or fridge list to celebrate daily wins.
- Play the long game Recovery takes time; aim for stability by next summer.
- Breathe and reset Take breaks, get off-farm, and protect your mental health.

It can be used as a digital document or printed. Here is the link:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/70251-Flood-recovery-checklist-for-farmers-and-growers/>

Find out what support is available to help the primary sector and assist the clean-up and recovery. It can be found on this web page for the adverse event:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/recovery-after-floods-in-nelson-marlborough-and-tasman-in-mid-2025/>