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Water storage to be installed to support Chatham Islands residents

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Around 50 owner-occupied homes across the Chatham Islands are due to receive much-needed water tanks in the coming months.

Council operate two main water systems in the Chathams, in Waitangi and Kaingaroa. The rest of the Island relies on rain, spring or bores for their water.

In recent years, the Chatham Islands have experienced frequent and extended periods of drought. During these periods, a number of residents have had reduced access to safe drinking water. Most affected are those who live beyond the limits of existing Council infrastructure.

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These drought conditions over a long period have impacted water levels, with some dropping or drying out. This means there has not been a sustainable, consistent water supply to homes.



As part of a collaborative project, we have secured funding which has helped us source and purchase these water tanks. These are now being installed for residents who had previously applied.

An independently run process by Environment Canterbury secured the services of a suitably qualified plumber to install the water tanks.

These water tanks will support approximately 50 owner-occupied households which have capacity issues.

The Council's Emergency Management office is responsible for the project and regular updates will be provided in [Council's newsletter\(external link\)](#) and on our [Facebook page\(external link\)](#) as progress is made.

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