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Emergency water tanks Amesbury School

Dear Resident

Wellington City Council, as part of its Wellington Regional Emergency Management Plan, is installing 25,000 litre emergency water tanks in suburbs around Wellington. To date, 38 emergency water tanks have been installed in suburbs around Wellington. There is a map of locations of these tanks on Wellington City Council's website www.wellington.govt.nz/emergency-water-plans.

Wellington Water is managing this project on behalf of Wellington City Council.

There have been some concerns raised about the location and appearance of the emergency water tank located at Amesbury School. We've put together some FAQ's which answer these concerns – please see below.

If you need any further information please contact Alex van Paassen
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Yours sincerely

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Why do we need the emergency water tank?

A major earthquake is likely to extensively damage our water pipe network. This emergency water tank is designed to hold 25,000 litres of clean drinking water that will be accessible after an earthquake. Local residents will be able to collect drinking water from this tank until the water pipe network is repaired. A manifold would be attached to the tank which allows more than one water container to be filled at the same time.

Please note - this water should be boiled for at least one minute before drinking.

Can the emergency water tank be buried?

No. Gravity is needed to get the water out of the tank – if it is buried we can't get the water out.

What about the proposed turning circle at the end of Romaine Road?

The turning circle at the end of Romaine Road can still go ahead (if or when it is built) as the emergency water tank can be moved when required. The tank needs to be close to the street as this allows easy access for water tankers to refill the tanks. The community also needs easy access to the emergency water – this is important as we are trying to limit how far people have to walk to collect their water in an emergency.