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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL NEW HOME OWNERS

IRRIGATION AND STREET TREES

The Selwyn District Council would like to make all new home builders and their contractors aware that in some areas of the Selwyn district irrigation systems are installed that water the street trees.

In some cases the system has not been installed very deep in the ground.

It is particularly important any contractors that are going to excavate road berms are aware of this. Driveways need to be excavated carefully not to disturb this system.

Should you wish to remove or move a street tree to put a driveway in, this is possible, but you need to contact the Selwyn District Council Reserves staff to discuss it first. There will be drippers that need moving or decommissioning. This can be done by any competent contractor or by the Council's contractor if requested.

The developer has gone to a lot of trouble to establish a desirable environment with landscaping and would not appreciate the wholesale removal of trees on streets.

Any costs associated with the disruption of the irrigation or changes made to suit tree location will be at the cost of the home owner. Equally, any damage to new driveways from ruptured irrigation lines will be the responsibility of the home owner. Should tree deaths occur because the system has been disrupted, replacement costs may be charged to those responsible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Reserves Maintenance Staff Selwyn District Council