



We LOVE Whaingaroa!

Doesn't our wee town just shine in summer - we really are lucky to live in such an amazing place!

Now that the busy summer period has started - with families, friends and visitors arriving, our town and beautiful environment is under pressure. Let's all do our best to show Mother Earth some love over the holiday season, lead by example and show our wonderful summer visitors 'how we do things' here in Raglan.

We look after this place, we care for the environment and pick up rubbish if we come across it. We are the community that cares!

All of us here at Whaingaroa Environment Centre are thrilled to be a part of this amazing community! The WEC whanau wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for your support in 2017 - we look forward to a great year ahead.



Summer in the garden

It's looking to be a long hot summer this season so our gardens will all need some extra care to keep growing. Now is a good time to mulch your garden beds to help keep the moisture in when watering. Remember to water only in the early morning or evening and direct the water at the roots so the plants can make the most of every drop. Slow drip hoses, irrigation systems and Ollas can all help save water.

Water seedlings for a week after planting out to help them get their roots out into the ground around them. After that they should be ok, except in very long hot and dry spells.

Water your plants deeply and infrequently, rather than little and often to help plants create strong deep root systems.

Plant thirsty plants, like courgettes, in dips so that water runs down towards the roots and collects.

Our community gardens are thriving thanks to some awesome team work over the last few months. Watch this space for the next working bee sometime in late Jan.



A HUGE Thank You!

Wow Raglan we are so lucky to live in a community with so many truly amazing individuals. Xtreme would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to this wonderful community for your commitment to the kaupapa of zero waste.

We have 2 years to reach our goal of zero waste by 2020. As a community let's dig even deeper, be conscious consumers, focus on the 3 'Rs' Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!

With a collaborative approach we can reach this goal....Lets do this!

A very special 'thank you for your mahi!' to some of our Community Champions;

- Councillor Lisa Thomson - Thank you for your tireless energy, being the spokesperson for our town, and your ongoing commitment to Raglan's residents and environment. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.
 - Cynthia Tucker! You are a superstar! You do such a fantastic job keeping our beaches and playgrounds clear of litter. Thank you for all of your hard work and volunteering so much of time.
 - Wayne Trott, Tim Duff, Bob McCloud and team - great work keeping our CBD clean and tidy, your early Monday morning clean-ups are greatly appreciated.
- Xtreme would like to thank you all, for your

fantastic uptake of the kerbside foodwaste collection service. New initiatives often take time and are a struggle to get off the ground. The transition with the foodwaste service was seamless, you've all done amazing work!!



Please think of our workers during this hot and busy time of the year. If you generate a large volume of recyclables please bring them up to the Resource Recovery Centre 186 Te Hutewai Road and do some shopping at the same time. Separate as much as you can on the kerbside (glass in one bin and plastics/cans in the other). Xtreme wishes you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Reminders:

- Final Crop Swap for the year will be held Sunday 17th December at the Bowling Club - bring anything home made or home grown to share. Set up from 9.30am.
- Let's show our lovely summer visitors how proud we are to be plastic bag free here! Remember your reuseable bag or pop in to WEC to grab a Bag It bag for your shopping
- Look out for the shopping guide in the Chronicle Summer Guide to find out where to shop to support all the wonderful businesses accredited as 'Plastic Bag Free'

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