



NEW ZEALAND environmental CARE CODE

Care code check list

Protect plants and animals

- * Treat New Zealand's forests and birds with care and respect. They are unique and often rare.

Remove rubbish

- * Litter is unattractive, harmful to wildlife and can increase vermin and disease. Plan your visits to reduce rubbish, and carry out what you carry in.

Bury toilet waste

- * In areas without toilet facilities, bury your toilet waste in a shallow hole well away from waterways, tracks, campsites, and huts.

Keep streams and lakes clean

- * When cleaning and washing, take the water and wash well away from the water source. Because soaps and detergents are harmful to water-life, drain used water into the soil to allow it to be filtered. If you suspect the water may be contaminated, either boil it for at least 3 minutes, or filter it, or chemically treat it.

Take care with fires

- * Portable fuel stoves are less harmful to the environment and are more efficient than fires.
- * If you do use a fire, keep it small, use only dead wood and make sure it is out by dousing it with water and checking the ashes before leaving.

Camp carefully

- * When camping, leave no trace of your visit.

Keep to the track

- * By keeping to the track, where one exists, you lessen the chance of damaging fragile plants.

Consider others

- * People visit the back country and rural areas for many reasons. Be considerate of other visitors who also have a right to enjoy the natural environment.

Respect our cultural heritage

- * Many places in New Zealand have a spiritual and historical significance. Treat these places with consideration and respect.

Enjoy your visit

- * Enjoy your outdoor experience. Take a last look before leaving an area; will the next visitor know that you have been there?
- * Protect the environment for your own sake, for the sake of those who come after you, and for the environment itself.

Toitu te whenua / Leave the land undisturbed

For more information about caring for the environment visit the DOC website: www.doc.govt.nz



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