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Maritime services factsheet series

Moorings

All moorings within the Waikato coastal marine area and inland waterways are classified as structures and require resource consent.

Applying for a mooring consent

Contact the mooring officer to discuss site availability and then apply for resource consent before installing a new mooring. A deposit will be required for processing and administration. You are required to notify and seek the views of customary marine title groups.

Moorings for sale or rent

Waikato Regional Council is not involved with the selling of mooring structures. All negotiations are between the mooring consent holder and the purchaser. The vessel using the mooring site must always comply with the resource consent conditions and it is good practice to get approval from the local maritime officer prior to a new vessel being placed on the mooring.

Waikato Regional Council provides a listing service for consented moorings located in the Waikato Region.

Visit waikatoregion.govt.nz/moorings-4-sale-or-rent

Other options

- Look in the local newspaper
- Visit the TradeMe website trademe.co.nz
- Look in the marine section of the NZ Herald, or Trade and Exchange
- Place an advertisement yourself

Change to a resource consent

You can apply to change the conditions of a mooring resource consent e.g. placing a larger vessel on a mooring, or shifting the mooring location. You may not however change the time frame the consent was granted for. Complete a change of resource consent application form and forward to Waikato Regional Council for processing.

Transfer of a mooring consent

A mooring consent transfer form needs to be signed and completed by both parties. There is a fee to transfer your consent.

Surrendering a mooring resource consent

If you are no longer using your mooring structure complete a surrender form and forward to Waikato Regional Council for processing.

Key responsibilities of a mooring consent holder

- The consent conditions must be complied with
- Pay annual charges
- Ensure the mooring structure is kept in a sound and suitable condition at all times
- Have the mooring structure inspected by an approved inspector once every three years.

A signed report from an approved inspector confirming the mooring is in compliance with the resource consent conditions must be provided to Waikato Regional Council.

- Check the mooring regularly between inspections
- Pay the costs associated with repairs and maintenance of the mooring to the service provider.
- Ensure the mooring structure is not to be occupied at any time by a vessel with an overall length greater than that specified in the mooring holder's resource consent (refer to consent for full responsibilities).

DOS

- Inform Waikato Regional Council of any change of address or change of vessel information
- Ensure your vessel is securely fixed to the mooring and not the buoy rope
- Tell the maritime officer if your vessel is damaged while occupying a mooring
- Make sure the mooring buoy is clearly marked with the correct mooring number
- Contact the maritime officer if there is a vessel on your mooring that does not have authority to be there

DON'TS

- Sell your mooring without going through the transfer of mooring consent process
- Relocate or move your mooring without first obtaining a change to your mooring consent and obtaining approval from the harbourmaster
- Remove any unauthorised vessel off your mooring without approval from the harbourmaster
- Discharge waste from your vessel

Mooring service providers

Mooring service providers can carry out inspections and upgrades to new and existing moorings. You can find an approved list of providers at waikatoregion.govt.nz/mooring-service-providers.

Marine pest surveillance

Please help us to prevent their spread, and make sure your hull has been checked, cleaned and antifouled before heading away. Check out marinepests.nz for more information.



Mediterranean fanworm on a mooring rope

Mooring consent costs

Consent application/renewal fee (inside a zoned mooring area).	Check here *
Consent application/renewal fee (outside a zoned mooring area).	\$1000 initial deposit You will be charged for all actual and reasonable costs associated with processing the application. Your deposit will offset these costs.
Annual charge & (Administration & monitoring).	Check here *
Annual charge (Maritime Officer activities and safety checks).	Check here *
Change to consent	Check here *
Transfer of ownership	Check here *
Surrender of consent	No charge
Triennial mooring inspection costs	Remain between mooring consent holder and the mooring inspection contractor.

*Check waikatoregion.govt.nz/summary-of-charges

Contact the Moorings officer for all mooring related enquiries: moorings@waikatoregion.govt.nz

For more information, call Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 or visit waikatoregion.govt.nz.

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