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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ  
Taupō District Council

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 21 DECEMBER 2018

## CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL BYLAW

We want you to have fun this New Year period, but it's important to do it safely and be responsible.

Taupō town centre has a year-round weekend alcohol ban that is extended to 24/7 over the New Year period. It runs from noon on December 27 to 7am on January 4. During this period there is also a ban at Hipapatua Recreational Reserve (formerly Reid's Farm) on Huka Falls Road, a popular camping spot.

Our new Alcohol Control Bylaw, adopted earlier this month, now includes the Otumuheke Stream bathing area in Spa Thermal Park, which has a year-round alcohol ban 24/7.

There are also a few changes to the town centre area covered. The ban now stretches from Tongariro north and south domains out to Ruapehu Street in the east, north to Spa Road and Control Gates Bridge. It covers Ferry Road and the whole lakefront between these points, and a number of our lakeshore reserves.

We are working with police monitoring the alcohol ban areas closely as the holiday season gets underway, so make sure you're aware of the rules before you head out.



Taupō town centre and lakefront

Alcohol ban area

For detailed maps and more information go to [www.taupo.govt.nz/alcoholban](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/alcoholban)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



Christmas is just around the corner and it seems like only yesterday we were ringing in the New Year. No doubt Santa Claus will be readying himself to descend on our beautiful patch of paradise and Taupō District residents young and old will be getting excited about his visit.

It's a great time of year here in New Zealand's Most Beautiful Large Town because many of us get to spend quality time with the people we care about in the place we love. It's the perfect setting for a bit of rest and relaxation, so I hope you are all able to slow down, breathe deeply and soak it all in for a moment.

Beyond the festive season, summer is a magical time of year here and I, for one, am grateful to call it home. There is always an electric atmosphere in our district in summer, with plenty of events, visitors and activities on offer. I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy what's available to them – they're some of the many things that make this place great.

Please take care these holidays, drive safe and look after each other. I wish everyone a fantastic festive season, a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Mayor David Trewavas » dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz

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## HANDY HOLIDAY INFORMATION

### COUNCIL OFFICES – HOLIDAY HOURS

- Monday 24 December: Close at 1pm
- Tuesday 25 December: Closed
- Wednesday 26 December: Closed
- Thursday 27 December: 9am-3pm
- Friday 28 December: 9am-3pm
- Monday 31 December: 9am-3pm
- Tuesday 1 January: Closed
- Wednesday 2 January: Closed
- Thursday 3 January: Normal hours resume

If you need to contact council at any time, you can call 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832). This is a 24/7 service.

### RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

This year Christmas falls on a Tuesday, which means our rubbish and recycling schedule is affected. For the week of December 24-28, the table (right) shows what day your rubbish will be collected. All landfills and transfer stations are closed Christmas Day, with all other days unchanged. Rubbish and recycling collection days remain as normal for January 1 and 2.

Remember, only plastic types 1 and 2 can now be recycled – all other plastic goes in the rubbish. Please flatten cardboard boxes and remove lids from washed plastic bottles to help our hardworking contractors.

USUAL COLLECTION DAY:	WILL BE COLLECTED ON:
Monday 24 December	As normal
Tuesday 25 December	Wednesday 26 December
Wednesday 26 December	Thursday 27 December
Thursday 27 December	Friday 28 December
Friday 28 December	As normal

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