



# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### **RED CROSS DISPLACED PERSON REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Wairoa District Council encourages anyone who has self-evacuated from Christchurch to Wairoa to call into the council office and fill out a Red Cross registration form.

Emergency Management Officer Tim Allan said the purpose of the form was to record details of “internally displaced” people to add to a national register.

“That way, if someone is reported missing, the Red Cross staff can check to see if they have self-evacuated to somewhere else in the country. This potentially saves resources that could be used elsewhere,” he said.

Two people had already called in to council to fill out forms. Mr Allan said some people may have already registered before they left Christchurch, which was fine as long as they’d filled out a relocation form to say where they were going.

“If you haven’t told everyone where you’re going, it would pay to come in and register. It doesn’t take long and could save time and worry further down the line.”

Wairoa District Council offices are located at Coronation Square on Queen Street, phone 838 7309.

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