

Title: Surplus water bottles “ideal for civil defence” storage

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“One of the interesting aspects of working with the Timaru Council’s Exchange Waste System, which aims to find an end-user for trade waste in the district, is that you never know what will be offered”, says Ruth Clarke, Solid Waste Advisor at Timaru District Council.

When a local business contacted Ruth with a need to dispose of two thousand one-litre bottles each year, the immediate thought was the opportunity to encourage local residents to stock up on water bottles for civil defence packs. These bottles are now for sale through the Crow’s Nest, \$1 for a box of ten bottles.

Civil Defence Manager, Mark Bang, suggests they are ideal for storing away water supplies for a civil defence emergency. “Having these bottles topped up with tap water and ready to use will give residents some peace of mind for the future. You should aim to have 3 litres of drinking water per person per day for at least three days”.

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Picture: Darryl Zuppich of the Crow’s Nest with Ruth Clarke, Zero Waste Advisor at Timaru District Council

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