



FENCING ASSISTANCE

FOR COVENANTED PROPERTIES

FENCE OUT

Cattle and sheep are major polluters of our waterways. Their waste drifts downstream affecting not just your property but those downstream as well. Stock trampling also causes pugging to stream and creek banks causing them to collapse.

Stock also damage bush as animals trample tree roots, chew out seedlings and lower leaves, damage the trunks by rubbing or leaning on them and open up the bush. The result – weed invasion and extinctions. Keeping your cattle and sheep (and horses, goats, deer and llamas!) away from bush patches is good management. Since fencing stock out can be so effective in protecting bush and waterways Council is contributing to fencing costs to Waitakere properties where conservation covenants are in place.

FENCE IN

Fence in your bush to protect it from stock. Make sure you include the edge vegetation – or leave room for a dense bush edge to form. This is like the walls on the bush that keep the air still and moist inside, and the weeds, wind and sun out.

Protecting a plot will give you a supply of seeds from which to grow your own trees for other parts of your property and an existing plot will indicate what grows well on your site.

Trees and shrub areas in your paddocks provide some shade and shelter for your animals. Specimen trees suited to Waitakere conditions and which provide good shade are puriri, titoki, and totara.

Trees and shrubs also make effective wind breaks. Some of the best shelter belt species are those that bend with the wind e.g. kanuka, pittosporum and flax.

Plantings reduce erosion. Plant in vulnerable areas of your property – on steep slopes, in valleys, on cliffs and ridges.

For further information contact the Waitakere City Council Call Centre, Ph 839 0400, Private Bag 93 109, Henderson, Waitakere City or visit the Council's website on www.waitakere.govt.nz



WAITAKERE'S GREEN NETWORK

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

YOU NEED TO KNOW....

- The assistance offered is a contribution only for permanent stock proof fencing. This fund is not for electric fences.
- Fencing assistance will be up to 50% of the cost of fencing or up to a maximum of \$1,000 per property.
- A Council person can assess your site and provide skilled advice on other issues like revegetation, ground stabilisation, weed control, attracting birds and improving water quality in your streams that will help further enhance your site.

APPLYING FOR A FENCING SUBSIDY

- Complete the Sustainable Neighbourhoods application form available from our website <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnlSer/pw/plantweed/pdf/grntwrk-ssstncnqury-form.pdf> or call our 24 hour call centre on 09 839 0400.
- Provide details of the type of fence you want to build, its length, timing for construction, and two quotes. Quotes can be for materials only if you wish to construct the fence yourself, or for a fencing contractor to construct the whole fence.
- Applications will be processed on a case by case basis, and dependent on available funding.

This is a Green Network Project

The Green Network joins natural areas to create a network of gardens, parks, streams, roadside plantings and coastlines. The Green Network gives you more places to play, connects you with the countryside and encourages birds and other wildlife to make their home here in Waitakere.