



What you **need** to
know about...

debris on the road

maintaining our roads

There are approximately 5000 km of roads within the Southland District Council network: 2000 km sealed, 3000 km unsealed, including over 960 bridges, with 27 townships & a growing population (28,440 as per 2006 Census) who use these roads.

With an annual Roading Budget of over \$23M it is our aim to keep the roads maintained to an acceptable standard and are always looking at ways to improve the network as an asset for the community while keeping to an ever tightening budget.

The Southland District Council would like to ensure the road is kept clear of debris and to a standard that ensures safety and meets the needs of all road users.



Debris

Debris include any refuse, rubbish, animal remains, garbage, dirt, filth, earth, or waste matter, stock effluent at stock crossings or any other thing of a like nature.

When the ground is wet, mud from tractors and other vehicles is easily tracked from paddocks onto roads.

When a layer of mud forms on the road the surface becomes slippery and road markings can be obscured, creating a safety hazard. Clods of earth, often containing stones, are a hazard to vehicles, even more so when frozen.

When those responsible are unable to be contacted or are unwilling to rectify, the Council will arrange for the removal of the debris and endeavour to recover the costs. When the situation occurs that the person responsible cannot be identified the cost is borne by the Council and therefore the whole Community pays.

**Contact our Customer Services
on 0800 732 732 if you have a concern about the
state of any of our roads, sealed or unsealed,
or if you come across a mess.**

Clean up

Council requires the person/s responsible for any mess to clean it up. Where the mess is a danger to the road user, Council will, if the culprit isn't able to be identified, arrange cleaning & bill the person/s responsible. Where debris creates a significant safety risk to road users, Council policy is to immediately respond & bill those responsible for the mess.

top tips

Three simple rules for keeping our roads clean & safe:

1. Keep loads secure to avoid leaving a trail of debris across or along the road.
2. Remove excess dirt & mud from vehicles before leaving gateway & entering onto a public road.
3. If a mess is made, clean it up.



If you would like to learn more about Roadings other "Need to Know" sheets you can find them on our website: www.southlanddc.govt.nz



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