



**To have a passed drainage inspection - first you need to have an inspection...**

**Building officials cannot pass a drain they can't see or haven't seen!**

# Drainage Inspections



Opening Hours: 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday

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## Legislative requirements

Section 90 of the Building Act 2004 says that every building consent is subject to the condition that building officials are entitled, at all times during normal working hours or while building work is being done, to inspect — building work that has been or is being carried out on or off the building site. Drainage work is deemed to be building work in terms of Section 8 of the Act.

Section 17 of the Act requires all building work to comply with the building code. The building consent is issued on the basis that if the building work is completed in accordance with the building consent documentation (includes plans and specifications) the building work will comply with the building code.

The building owner must apply to Council for a code compliance certificate (CCC) after all building work to be carried out under the building consent granted to that owner is completed. The CCC can only be issued if Council is satisfied upon reasonable grounds that all the building work complies with the building consent documentation. If all building work, including drainage, has not been inspected then Council may not be able to issue the CCC simply because it can't verify as compliant what it hasn't seen.

## What if things don't go to plan?

We all know that sometimes things don't quite go to plan.

For example for safety reasons it may be prudent to back fill a drain before it can be inspected.

**Should this be the case what you MUST do first is contact Council and speak to the appropriate building official prior to doing anything.**

In the majority of cases spot backfilling may be permitted provided that the elements listed on the adjoining page can be inspected.

If spot backfilling is permitted it is the drainlayers responsibility to ensure that those portions of the drain left open are protected from collapse and made safe.

It must be remembered that it is an offence in terms of section 365 of the Building Act 2004 not to comply with a direction given by a building official.

## What elements are considered with drainage inspections?

- Location of the drain in relation to buildings and boundaries
- Drain invert levels
- Drain gradient
- Bedding of the drain
- Drainage material (label visible)
- Connections and inspection points
- Drain venting
- Jointing and priming of joint

**It is essential that the inspector is able to inspect all of these elements as applicable**

## Booking an inspection

The building consent will indicate when inspections are required.

The Council requires at least 48 hours notice when booking an inspection. Inspections are undertaken between 8:15am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

**You can book inspections electronically by using your Smartphone or tablet:**

The GoBuild app allows you to request a building inspection from Council directly from your smartphone or tablet and get written confirmation of the day and time of the inspection as a record.

**Or you can do it by email:**

[building.services@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:building.services@rangitikei.govt.nz) to book an inspection, this gives you a record of the written confirmation of the day and time of your inspection.

Or you can still ring Rangitikei District Council on 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522 and follow the prompts to book an inspection.

**When booking your inspection you will need the following information:**

- Building consent number
- Address of the work
- The type of inspection being requested
- Date the inspection is required
- Do you require a morning or afternoon inspection.

**Council will confirm with you the date and time of the inspection.**

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