



Update on RAPID Numbers

What are RAPID Numbers?

Rural Address Property Identification system or RAPID is a nationwide system for numbering rural properties.

In essence, the RAPID number becomes the Property Address.

This means that any previous number being used by a property owner/resident is no longer valid and needs to be replaced with the new RAPID number.

An example of how the

number on the peg appears looks like this:

ARVY 0124

This translates to mean the property address is "124 Arnold Valley Road"



How RAPID Numbers are allocated

The number itself is allocated based on a fairly simple system of measuring the distance along a road from the start to the property access/driveway.

Every 20m length of road has 2 available possible numbers, one Odd number for the left side, and one Even number for the right side.

The final number is then stuck onto a BLUE marker peg and installed at the driveway close to the Boundary line or close to an existing mail box.

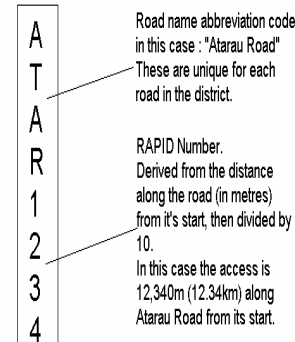
In developing this system

Council staff considered various options for the exact format of the number as it appears on the final peg, and came up with the following system.

As you look at your RAPID number you will see a combination of 4 letters and 4 numbers, The 4 letters at the Start are an abbreviation of the Road Name your property is on, e.g.. ATAR = Atarau Road, ARVY = Arnold Valley Road. Etc...

The numbers indicate the distance you are from the start of that road, e.g.. 0012 = 120m, 0245 = 2.45km,

3241 = 32.41km. Leading Zero's have been used to help identify if any numbers have come off a peg and aren't part of the final number.



Why use RAPID numbers?

In past, there have been several numbering systems used on some of our main roads.

This has caused problems for Postal delivery and Emergency services (Police, Fire & Ambulance) especially when you have "Main Road" being used for the road name and the numbers start and stop at each end of a town. In past towns like Kaiata, Dobson & Stillwater all had "Main Road" as the

name used for the State Highway running through them, they also had individual numbering systems that started and stopped for the residential properties. That means they all had a "1 Main Rd", or a "6 Main Rd". This can cause great confusion especially when the Emergency services dispatcher is in Christchurch and isn't familiar with our District.

With the new RAPID sys-

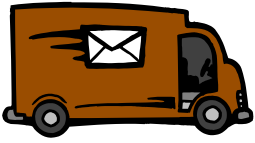
tem if you were to (for example) request an Ambulance to 462 State Highway 7 Dobson, the ambulance officers know to travel 4.62km from Greymouth towards Dobson and look for a blue peg with "S6D0 0462" on it.

The new system has been devised in order to Save Time & Save Lives.

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What do the 4 letters at the start of the number mean?



“Your Life or the Lives of others may be saved by using a RAPID number.”

Those 4 letters as mentioned earlier are an abbreviation of the road name. Instead of using the full name Council staff decided to use a logical abbreviation instead. Those abbreviations are listed below:

Ahaura Kopara Rd = AHKO
 Alcorn Rd = ALCN
 Arnold Valley Rd = ARVY
 Atarau Rd = ATAR
 Austin Rd = AUST
 Baty Place = BATY
 Bell Hill Rd = BELL
 Blair Rd = BLAI
 Burke Rd = BURK
 Caledonian Rd = CALE
 Camerons Rd = CAME
 Camptown Rd = CAMP
 Cape Terrace Rd = CAPE
 Cargill Rd = CARG
 Carters Rd = CART
 Cashmere Bay Rd = CASH
 Centre Rd = CNTR
 Clifton Rd = CLFT
 Coopers Rd = COOP
 Coulson Rd = COUL
 Craigieburn Rd = CRAG
 Croesus Track Rd = CROE
 Dredge Rd = DRDG
 Drennans Rd = DREN
 Glen Rd = GLEN
 Golden Sands Rd = GLDS
 Goldtown Rd = GLDT
 Golf Links Rd = GLFL
 Gows Creek Rd = GOWS
 Granville Rd = GVLL
 Granville Rd West = GVLW
 Greymouth Kotuku Rd = GMKO
 Haupiri Rd = HAUP
 Heaphy Rd = HPHY

Hodgekinson Rd = HODG
 Kamahi Place = KAMA
 Kangaroo Creek Rd = KGCR
 Kellars Rd = KELL
 Kotuku Bell Hill Rd = KOBH
 Kumara Inchbonnie Rd = KMIN
 Lake Brunner Rd = LKBR
 Lake View Terrace = LKVW
 Lees Ferry Rd = LSFR
 Limestone Rd = LIME
 Logburn Rd = LOGB
 Maori Creek Rd = MAOC
 Maori Gully Rd = MAOG
 Marsden Rd = MARS
 Marsden New River Rd = MRNR
 Matai Rd = MATR
 McArthur Rd = MCAR
 McLean Pit Rd = MCLP
 Mill Rd = MILL
 Moonlight Rd = MNLT
 Napoleon Street West = NAPO
 Neilsons Rd = NEIL
 New River Rd = NWRV
 Nicholas Rd = NICH
 Noname Rd = NONM
 Notown Rd = NOTN
 Ogilvie Rd = OGIL
 Omoto Valley Rd = OMOT
 Orwell Creek Rd = ORWE
 Red Jacks Rd = RDJK
 Riverview Rd = RIVW
 Roa Rd = ROAR
 Rutherglen Rd = RTHG
 Rutherglen New River Rd = RGNR
 Saltwater Creek Rd = SALT
 Sawmill Lane = SAWM
 School Drive = SCHD
 Shellback Rd = SHLB
 Sids Rd = SIDS

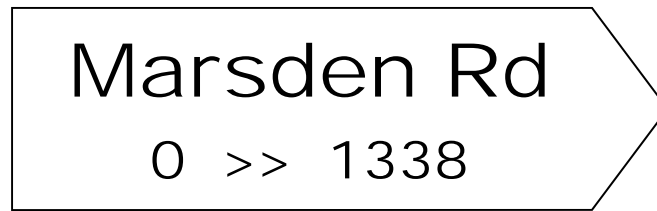
Slaty Creek Rd = SLAT
 Spring Creek Rd = SPCR
 Station Rd = STAT
 Taramakau Settlement Rd = TRMK
 Taylorville Rd = TYVL
 Taylorville Blackball Rd = TLVB
 Trigon Rd = TRIG
 Trigon Rd West = TRGW
 Waikori Rd = WAIK
 Waipuna Rd = WAIP
 Waiwhero Rd = WAIW
 Wallace Rd = WLLC
 Wallis Rd = WLLS
 Warren Rd = WRRN
 Watterson Rd = WATT
 Welshmans Rd = WLSH
 SHWY 6 Punakaiki = S6PU
 SHWY 6 Barrytown = S6BA
 SHWY 6 Coast Road = S6CR
 SHWY 6 Rapahoe = S6RA
 SHWY 6 Runanga = S6RU
 SHWY 6 Coal Creek = S6CC
 SHWY 7 Totara Flat = S7TF
 SHWY 7 Ahaura = S7AH
 SHWY 7 Ngahere = S7NG
 SHWY 7 Stillwater = S7ST
 SHWY 7 Dobson = S7DO
 SHWY 7 Kaiata = S7KI
 SHWY 7 Omoto = S7OM
 SHWY 6 Paroa = S6PA
 SHWY 6 Gladstone = S6GL
 SHWY 6 Camerons = S6CA



What are the numbers on the road name signs?

As an integral part of this whole RAPID numbering process we also updated many of our old Road name signs.

Instead of simply the road name only, all new Rural signs have the RAPID number range for that section of road included. They also indicate the direction the numbers run so you can locate numbers faster over long roads. Signs at the ends of a road have the full number range included, intermediate signs at intersections have partial number ranges to indicate number direction only.



How do the local emergency services know where I live?

As part of the process of allocating all the numbers we also have a GPS reading taken at all the properties we allocate numbers to.

From that data we then begin a process of mapping the exact location of all the numbers we allocate into our GIS (Geographical Information System).

This then enables us to cre-

ate a program which we have since supplied to both Fire and Ambulance Services in Greymouth. (We haven't as yet come to any arrangements with the Police for access to the data, but are working on something)

That means that if you give the full details of the RAPID number to the call Centre staff in Christchurch they can

then relay that info to the local Fire or Ambulance officers who can then check their system to see exactly where you are.

This is why it is very important for you to know what your number is.

Damaged or stolen pegs are replaced free of charge

Who asks for or uses RAPID numbers?

With the majority of the Country now using some form of RAPID numbering system for properties, pretty much all the major service providers ask for and use

RAPID numbers when responding to a service request.

That includes the following:

Telecom, Trustpower, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Registrar of

Electors, NZ Post, LINZ, Stats NZ, Sky TV, Some Real Estate Agents, Some Couriers.

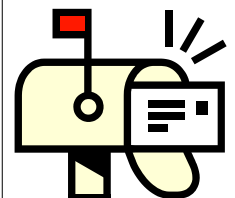
And many more...

Who replaces the peg if it gets damaged or stolen?

Because Council has implemented this system, it has been decided that Council will supply new pegs and numbers free of charge.

If for whatever reason your peg is damaged or goes missing, please contact the Assets & Engineering Department (03 768 1711) and

ask to speak to the person in charge of RAPID Numbering, or alternatively leave your name, contact details and address.





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Why are there no blue pegs until after Saltwater Creek at Paroa?

Paroa and South Beach Missed out on getting RAPID Pegs installed because the existing numbers matched the RAPID Numbers perfectly and it's now being considered more and more to be part of town

itself. When that happens we can get away with standard street numbering. South of Saltwater creek however things become more spread out and there was one or two wrongly allocated num-

bers, so we carried on where Paroa left off.

How do I go about getting a RAPID Number?

To get a new RAPID number you will need to Contact The Grey District Council, Assets & Engineering Division, and ask to Speak with Karl Jackson. 03 768 1711

Details you will need to have handy are:
Valuation Number
Details of your section (Lot Number, DP Number, etc...)
Your Contact details,

Phone number etc...
Location of your property.
We can then make up a Peg and install it for you.

Who then gets notified?

Once we have allocated a new number we will then send a notification to LINZ (Land Information NZ) and our Rates officer. Periodically we will also update the Fire and Ambulance systems.

If we have in fact changed your existing Number we will notify, NZ Post, Registrar of Electors, LINZ, GDC Rates Officers. In past we have offered to notify Telecom & Trustpower as well but no

longer do this as it causes too many problems. (This is something that the Bill payer needs to action.)

What if I don't want to change?

People don't like change.
Several times now we have been contacted by people who have either had the "same number for 50 years" or who have had "two other numbers already over the last few years" so don't want to change.
The answer to this is simple...

You have to change.
Your Life or the Lives of others may be saved by using a RAPID number.
Areas that have been renumbered have been done so to minimize confusion and to keep the numbering system consistent throughout the District. By not changing (for whatever reason) it will create

confusion for the Emergency Services which may in turn have a detrimental affect on you (the resident).
It's unfortunate that we had to change some areas but to do things properly, we had to.