

Table 1 – Method for determining required water supply classification

Sprinklered structures															
Category	Water supply classification (see table 2)														
Single family homes with a sprinkler system installed to an approved Standard	FW1														
All other structures (apart from single family homes) with a sprinkler system installed to an approved Standard	FW2														
Non-sprinklered structures															
Category	Water supply classification (see table 2)														
Housing; includes single family dwellings, multi-unit dwellings, but excludes multi-storey apartment blocks	FW2														
All other structures (characterised by fire hazard category ⁽¹⁾), examples of which are given below	Water supply classification (see table 2)														
	Floor area of largest firecell of the building (m ²)														
	0-199 ⁽¹⁰⁾	200-399	400-599	600-799	800-999	1000-1199	1200-1399	1400-1599	1600-1799	1800-1999	2000-2199	2200-2399	2400-2599	2600-2799	> 2800
FHC 1 ⁽²⁾	FW3	FW3	FW3	FW4	FW4	FW4	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW6
FHC 2 ⁽³⁾	FW3	FW3	FW4	FW5	FW5	FW5	FW6	FW6	FW6	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7
FHC 3 ⁽⁴⁾	FW3	FW4	FW5	FW5	FW6	FW6	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7
FHC 4 ⁽⁵⁾	FW4	FW6	FW6	FW6	FW6	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7	FW7
For special or isolated hazards not covered in above categories ⁽⁹⁾	FW7														
NOTE –															
(1) Fire hazard category as defined in the compliance documents for the New Zealand Building Code, Acceptable Solution C/AS1.															
(2) FHC 1 is sleeping activities including care facilities, motels, hotels, hostels; crowd activities of <100 people including cinemas, art galleries, community halls, lecture halls, churches; working/business/storage activities processing non-combustible materials such as wineries, cattle yards, horticultural products; multistorey apartment blocks.															
(3) FHC 2 is crowd activities of >100 people, libraries, book storage, night clubs, restaurants; working/business/storage activities with low fire load such as hairdressers, banks, medical consulting rooms, offices.															
(4) FHC 3 is working/business/storage activities with medium fire load such as manufacturing, processing, bulk storage up to 3 metres.															
(5) FHC 4 is working/business/storage activities with high fire load such as chemical manufacturing, feed mills, plastics manufacturing, supermarkets or other stores with bulk display over 3 metres.															
(6) For special or isolated fire hazards in an area with a lower water supply classification, an assessment should be carried out to determine measures to mitigate the hazard or increase the water supply (see 4.4).															
(7) The values in the table were determined by heat release rate modelling for fully developed fires.															
(8) All non-sprinkler protected structures, except houses, have an entry level of FW3.															
(9) Examples of special or isolated hazards may include bulk fuel installations, timber yards, tyre dumps, wood chip stock piles, recycle depots, and marinas.															
(10) For non-sprinkler protected fire hazard category 1 structures less than 50 m ² in floor area, the FW3 requirement may be reduced by up to 50% with the agreement of the Fire Region Manager. Examples of the sorts of structures intended to be covered by this comment are predominantly garages, sheds, and outbuildings.															

APPENDIX X Fire Water Supply Tables 1 and 2

Table 2 – Method for determining firefighting water supply

	Reticulated water supply			Non-reticulated water supply	
Fire water classification	Required water flow within a distance of 135 m	Additional water flow within a distance of 270 m	Maximum number of fire hydrants to provide flow	Minimum water storage within a distance of 90 m (see Note 8)	
				Time (firefighting) (min)	Volume (m ³)
FW1	450 L/min (7.5 L/s) (See Note 3)	–	1	15	7
FW2	750 L/min (12.5 L/s)	750 L/min (12.5 L/s)	2	30	45
FW3	1500 L/min (25 L/s)	1500 L/min (25 L/s)	3	60	180
FW4	3000 L/min (50 L/s)	3000 L/min (50 L/s)	4	90	540
FW5	4500 L/min (75 L/s)	4500 L/min (75 L/s)	6	120	1080
FW6	6000 L/min (100 L/s)	6000 L/min (100 L/s)	8	180	2160
FW7	As calculated (see Note 7)				

NOTE –

(1) Table 1 lists the minimum requirements for firefighting water supplies. In developing towns' main reticulation systems, a water supply authority needs to cater for domestic/industrial water usage in addition to the above. This procedure is outlined in Appendix K.

(2) Special or isolated fire hazards which have higher requirements in an area of lower water supply classification must determine measures to mitigate the hazard or increase the water supply (see 4.4).

(3) Where houses have a sprinkler system installed to an approved Standard, the distance to a fire hydrant or alternative water supply may be negotiated by agreement with the Fire Region Manager.

(4) The water requirements for fire protection systems must be considered in addition to the firefighting water supplies, as detailed in table 1 (FW2), the fire protection system demand plus 1500 L/min (25 L/s) at 1 bar residual pressure.

(5) The minimum flow from a single hydrant must exceed 750 L/min (12.5 L/s), except for those cases where a home sprinkler is installed, in which case the minimum is 450 L/min (7.5 L/s) while the maximum design flow, for safety reasons, is limited to 2100 L/min (35 L/s).

(6) If the minimum water storage requirement as listed in the above table is not available from the reticulated system (reservoir), water can be sourced from an 'alternative supply' as approved by the Fire Region Manager. This water supply must always be within 90 m of the fire risk.

(7) FW7 is for either special or isolated hazards or where the fire hazard due to the size of the largest firecell and its fire hazard category make specific fire engineering assessment necessary. Appendix H and J must be used as the basis for calculating this required firefighting water supply.

(8) See Appendix B.