



## Rural Police

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# Crime trend alert

### Diesel thefts

Over the last couple of weeks we have had reports of thefts of diesel from rural properties. One of our officers reports that he has gone to two thefts in the past week where tanks and locking mechanism as shown in these photos have been targeted.

One was in Waihopai Valley Rd and the other in Redwood Pass Rd. 19 litres was taken from the first and 180 litres from the second. We are aware of theft in the Ward area as well.

The thieves' M.O. is to twist the lock off, so they are not using bolt cutters.



### Be vigilant

Report suspicious behaviour.

Re-assess how they secure your fuel is and make it harder for offenders to access the fuel.

Monitor how much fuel you have so you know what goes missing.

Some people have set up a camera with a sign as a deterrent (this works) others have re done the locking system. Others have made access to the fuel more difficult for offenders.

Let us know if you have an innovative idea or something that has worked so we can share that with others.

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ON RURAL CRIME**  
TELL CRIMESTOPPERS WHAT YOU KNOW  
CALL **0800 555 111**

