

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Southern District  
Fire Season Burning Conditions – Zone B



Fire Type	Definition of Fire Types	Can I Burn?			Specific Burning Conditions What you need to do
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Hangi, umu, barbeques (solid fuel)	Traditional Maori, Pacific Island or Pakeha form of cooking food outdoors.	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 5 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Brazier	A grate type heating appliance designed to be used outdoors with wood	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 5 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Camping / Cooking Fires	Fire in the open for the purposes of warmth and / or cooking and is no bigger than 50cm x 50cm.	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Pizza Oven	Purpose built facility with chimney, designed to prevent the escape of hot ash or fire.	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Incinerator	A drum / container designed to prevent the escape of hot ash or fire.	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 5 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Offal Hole	A hole excavated for the purpose of disposing of offal and dead carcasses	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>Yes</b> Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions Permit not required	<b>No</b> <b>No fires permitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 30 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if the wind speed is less than 15km per hour</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>

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Fire Pit	A pit dug into the ground for the purpose of warmth and/or disposing of stumps, dry garden or tree waste, shelterbelt / hedge trimmings or untreated timber (e.g. pallets). Fire is no bigger than 1.5 m x 1.5m.	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions</p> <p>Permit not required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 30 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if the wind speed is less than 15km per hour</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Backyard Fire in Urban Area	Burning of dry garden or tree waste, paper and cardboard in a small pile no larger than 1 m x 1 m.	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Provided you can meet the specific burning conditions</p> <p>Permit not required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Windrows	A continuous row of cut or root raked logging (slash / cutover) gorse or scrub that has been formed using a dozer or excavator. Rows can be 20 m too much longer.	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 30 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if the wind speed is less than 15km per hour</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>

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Stubble	Residue from harvested crop	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Broadcast burning	An area of broadcast vegetation (standing or felled), possibly mixed fuel types and may be sprayed or unsprayed for the purpose of land preparation.	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 30 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if the wind speed is less than 15km per hour</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Burning of Standing Structures	Disposal of standing structures by burning.	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> </ul>
Road Burning Maintenance	Use of fire for road maintenance	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No fire to be lit within 10 meters of any part of a building, fence, tree, hedge, shelter-belt, or any other combustible material</li> <li>✓ Only light a fire if strong winds are not forecast for the following 48 hours</li> <li>✓ Must have suitable means to extinguish fire should it get out of control (i.e. water hose, dirt, sprayer, digger etc.)</li> <li>✓ It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the fire is checked / patrolled until it is completely out.</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>

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Welding	Permit for welding in Commercial Forestry Block	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>An inspection maybe required</p> <p>Permit required</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p><b>No fires permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Maintain an area free of any combustible material at a 5 metre radius around the site.</li> <li>✓ Dampen down area prior to welding.</li> <li>✓ Where possible weld on a skid site.</li> <li>✓ Have x 2 9kg ABE fire extinguishers immediately available to welding.</li> <li>✓ Check site on completion of welding.</li> <li>✓ This permit is only valid once you have sort the permission of the forest owner.</li> <li>✓ Read and comply with the 'Standard Burning Conditions' attached below.</li> </ul>



## Keep You and Your Family Safe

If you are going to burn here are some tips to keep yourself and your family safe.

### Keeping Safe

- Wear long sleeved natural fibre clothing, such as cotton or wool. Synthetic materials can melt and can cause severe injuries.
- Wear laced up leather boots and head protection.
- Plan how you are going to burn to ensure the weather conditions, fire breaks and methods for lighting up are right for the conditions.
- Always have a planned safe escape route away from the fire.
- Planning for the worst case, so you have adequate resources to control the fire if things don't go to plan and escape routes if necessary
- Being flexible, if the weather changes during a burn, or the day is not right when you plan to burn, change your plans to suit the weather.

### Know your responsibility

- It is the responsibility of the person lighting the fire to ensure there are sufficient resources on site to manage the fire and that the fire is contained at all times.
- A fire should not be lit unless public liability and fire suppression insurance is taken out.
- Liability for damage or fire suppression costs caused by any fire is the responsibility of the person lighting the fire.

### Plan ahead

- Think about the time of year you want to burn. During March-April and September-October Southland often experiences strong equinoctial winds making burning potentially dangerous and fire bans can be put in place during summer.
- Give your vegetation plenty of time to dry out. The majority of sap is water stacking your vegetation and leaving for up to six months will allow it to dry out and give you a much better burn.
- If possible cut and stack your vegetation in the spring and burn in the autumn. This gives the vegetation plenty of time to dry, producing a good clean burn and reduces the likely hood of fire escaping as we enter the wetter time of year.