

**CHRISTCHURCH CITY RURAL FIRE AREA
NOTICE OF RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON
(Imposed Pursuant to Section 22(2)
of the Forests and Rural Fires Act 1977)**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 22 (2) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act a restricted fire season is imposed by the Christchurch City Council over the rural area for which the Council is the Fire Authority under the Forests and Rural Fires Act 1977, for the period 1 November 2003 to 28 February 2004 (inclusive).

The rural area for which the Council is the Fire Authority under the Forest and Rural Forest Act 1977 covers all of the district administered by the Council as territorial authority pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 (i.e the City of Christchurch) except:

1. Bottle Lake Rural Fire District; and
2. Chaney's Rural Fire District; and
3. The Christchurch Fire District established under to the Fire Services Act 1975; and
4. State areas.

Please Note:

1. The restriction does not apply to barbecues (in enclosed containers) lit on a property serviced by a domestic water supply.
2. During a restricted fire season it is an offence to light any fire in the open air unless a permit has been obtained from the Christchurch City Council. Applications for permits may be made to the Parks and Waterways Unit, Civic Offices, 163 Tuam Street, Christchurch (telephone 941-6840).
3. Any permit issued is not a legal defence to claims for damage which may arise from the fire. The responsibility for its control and the liability for any damage which might arise lies with the person lighting the fire.