

NOTICE OF PROHIBITION ON FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR WITHIN THE WHOLE OF THE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH (Imposed Pursuant to Clause 8 of the Christchurch City Fires Bylaw 1991)

Notice is hereby given that the prohibition over the whole of the City of Christchurch on fires in the open air is imposed by Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Fires Bylaw 1991 for the period 1 November 2003 to 28 February 2004 (inclusive).

During any such prohibition no person shall light any fire in the open air and no person being the occupier of any premises shall cause, permit, or suffer any such fire to be lit there or to continue to burn there. The penalty for such an offence is a fine of up to \$200,000.00.

The prohibition applies to all of the district administered by the Christchurch City Council as territorial authority pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 (ie all of the City of Christchurch).

The purpose of the prohibition is to conserve public safety by preventing danger from fire.

Note: The Council may at any time, where in its opinion special reason exists or may exist to prevent the outbreak or spread of fire, prohibit the lighting of fires in the open air for any specified additional period of time within the whole or any specified part of the city.

Please Note: This prohibition does not apply to:

- Any barbeque or hangi provided -
 - it is not likely to constitute a danger to any person or property by reason of its location, risk of spread, inadequate containment, prevailing wind or otherwise; and
 - there is immediately available a pressurized water supply connected to a hose; and
 - it is adequately supervised.
- Any fire in the open air in respect of which the occupier of the land upon which the fire is situated has obtained from the Council an exemption from the prohibition or an authority or permit issued under the Forests and Rural Fires Act. Exemptions may only be granted for commercial activities. Applications for exemptions may be made at the Environmental Monitoring Unit, Civic Offices, 163 Tuam Street, Christchurch.
(The issue of an exemption is not a legal defence against claims for damage arising by reason of the fire. The responsibility for its control and liability for any damage which may arise lies with the person lighting the fire.)