

LIFTING OF PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON

NOTICE OF RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

CHANEYS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT, BOTTLE LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT, AND CHRISTCHURCH CITY RURAL AREA

To owners and occupiers of land in Christchurch rural area:

Notice is hereby given that the previously advertised Prohibited Fire Season which extended over Chaney's Rural Fire District, Bottle Lake Rural Fire District, and Christchurch City Rural Area is lifted as from midnight Friday 13 February 2004.

Further notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 22(2) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 a RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON is imposed by the Christchurch City Council over Chaney's Rural Fire District, Bottle Lake Rural Fire District and Christchurch City Rural Fire Area as from midnight Friday 13 February 2004, until 30 April 2004.

The rural area for which the Council is the Fire Authority under the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 covers all of the district administered by the Council as territorial authority pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 (ie 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 barbeques (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.
4. The ban on the lighting of fires in the open area imposed by the Christchurch City Fires Bylaw 1991 for the period 1 November 2003 to 28 February 2004 remains in force notwithstanding the above-mentioned Restriction. (This Bylaw Prohibition may be extended by Public Notice given by Christchurch City Council.)