

LIFTING OF PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON NOTICE OF RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

Chaney's 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 07:00 Thursday 10 May 2001.

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 from one minute past midnight Thursday 9 May as from 07:00 Thursday 10 May 2001, until further notice.

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 372-2640).
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.

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PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER**

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