



**CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY**

RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fire Act 1977 and Council's Fires in the Open Air Bylaw 2008 that a **RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON** will be imposed throughout all areas of the **CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL** (except areas under the control of the Bay Forests Rural Fire District or the Department of Conservation).

This Order shall come into force **IMMEDIATELY** and shall continue in force until revoked by a further notice. Failure to comply with this Order constitutes an offence under Section 61 of the Forest and Rural Fire Act 1977.

No fire may be lit in the open air during the Restricted Fire Season **without a 'Fire Permit' having first been issued by the Central Hawkes Bay District Council.**

PLEASE NOTE that, in general terms, an application to light a fire that contains large logs, stumps or other heavy fuels will not be issued.

No permit is required for gas barbecues and other similar outdoor gas appliances.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the holding of a 'Fire Permit' does not exempt the holder from responsibility for any damage caused by any fire lit by the holder or their agents that gets out of control.

A REMINDER that under the provisions of the 'Fires in the Open Air Bylaw 2008', Fire Permits are required all year round for fires that will be burning during the hours of darkness.

Applications for Fire Permits should be made to the Central Hawkes Bay District Council office at WAIPAWA, phone (06) 8578060 during normal office hours, 8.00am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. A minimum of 24 hours notice is required for the issue of a fire permit and a site inspection may be required

FOR ALL FIRE EMERGENCIES PHONE 111 and quote your name, address and **RAPID** number in rural areas.

For further information on rural fire prevention matters please contact the Central Hawkes Bay District Council Rural Fire Officer, phone (06) 8578060.

Te Arohanui COOK
PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER