

Fire Season Status

The fire season officially starts on the 1st of October each year and runs to the 31st of March the following year. However, this may be extended if conditions are dry or shortened by early seasonal rains.

Open Fire Season means

No Fire Permit required to light a fire in the open air.

Restricted Fire Season means

A Fire Permit is needed for fires in the open air.

Prohibited Fire Season means

Lighting of fires in the open air is not permitted and all existing Fire Permits are cancelled.



Are you insured if something goes wrong?

Your insurance should cover:

- Cost of fire fighting.
- Property loss and replacement.
- Household effects, structures, crops, forests, vehicles and plant.
- Public liability to cover the costs of loss to a third party should fire escape from your property.

Do You Know.....

Under the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, a person who starts a fire can be charged with the costs of extinguishing it.

To fill a monsoon bucket efficiently, a dam must be at least 1.5 metres deep.

A Fire Permit will not absolve you from responsibility for a fire should it escape.

Wanganui District Council and the Department of Conservation are the Fire Authorities for all fires outside the urban boundary.

The New Zealand Fire Service responds to all calls.

Many species of native vegetation are easily ignited. Moderate to high flammability species are: Totara, Ake-ake, Tree Ferns, Mingimingi, Kanuka and Manuka.

For further information or a Fire Permit please phone:

New Zealand Fire Service 06 348-0103
Wanganui District Council 06 349-0001
Department of Conservation 06 348-8475

DIAL 111 IN EMERGENCIES

Fire safety for rural areas of the Wanganui District



Watch Bernie for fire danger warnings throughout the summer



To report a wild fire
Dial 111



