

Dispose of your waste without burning

- Compost garden waste
- Recycle newspapers, cardboard boxes, fabrics and plastics.
- Put the rest of your rubbish out for the weekly or fortnightly collection or take it to the nearest transfer station or landfill.
- A 'Free Firewood' sign will often get rid of fallen trees - but never dispose of treated timber in this way.

Keep your Fire Clean

If you do burn rubbish, follow these guidelines to minimise the risk of smoke nuisance.

- Talk to your neighbours first, and light the fire at an agreed time, eg when they are going to be away for the day.
- Make sure the wind is blowing in the direction where the smoke will not cause a nuisance.
- Don't burn green vegetation.
- Don't burn plastics, rubber, old clothes or other materials which may generate noxious smoke.
- Make sure that the material to be burnt is dry. Damp fires generate smoke.
- Use an incinerator; even a large drum with an air vent cut out of the bottom will help the fire burn more cleanly.

Visit Council's website at
www.fndc.govt.nz

Fire Bans

When a District Council fire ban or restricted fire season is in force, contact FNDC on 0800 920029 for information before you light a fire of any type outdoors.

Would you Like to Know More?

This publication is a Guide Only.

Far North District Council staff will be happy to assist you if you have any further queries. Dialing **0800 920029** will connect you with your nearest Service Centre. A Customer Service Officer will assist in connecting you with the appropriate officer.

Local Offices Here to Help

Kaikohe Service Centre
Memorial Avenue
KAIKOHE

Kaitaia Service Centre
Redan Road
KAITAIA

Kawakawa Service Centre
Gillies Street
KAWAKAWA

Kaeo Service Centre
Main Road
KAEO

Kerikeri Service Centre
Hobson Avenue
KERIKERI

Rawene Service Centre
Parnell Street
RAWENE

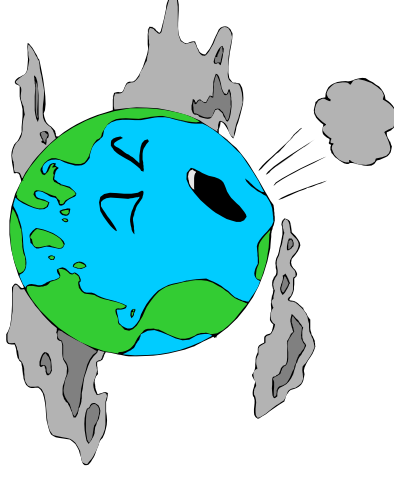
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SMOKE NUISANCE



**In The
Far North District**

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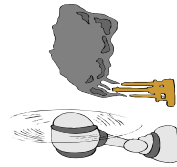
Think of your neighbours before lighting fires.

When you burn rubbish, you may put the health and comfort of your neighbours at risk. Unless it is carefully controlled, a rubbish fire may send clouds of smoke over neighbouring properties.



Even smoke from relatively clean sources may affect human health. It's tiny particles penetrate deep into the lungs, and it may contain chemicals, which can trigger chemical bronchitis or asthma.

Some fumes can be especially toxic such as those given off by some plastics. Cancer causing chemicals including dioxins are often given off when these materials are burnt.



For those reasons, it is illegal to light a rubbish fire which produces offensive or objectionable smoke which drifts beyond your property boundary.

If you light such a fire, you may face investigation and enforcement action by the Far North District Council.



You may also be charged for the costs incurred from the action!

Rules covering backyard burning

1. No matter where you are, it is illegal to burn the following material in an open fire.

- Rubber, including tyres
- Plastic agrochemical containers and any halogenated plastic products (from 12 months of the Regional Air Quality Plan becoming operative).
- Hazardous substances or containers of hazardous substances.
- Coated metal cable
- Motor vehicle parts or motor vehicles
- Timber treated with CCA (timber treatment chemicals_ or organochlorine substances

2. On Trade/Industrial Premises.

Only paper, cardboard and untreated timber may be burned, and then only provided the fire is contained in an incinerator and neighbours do not suffer smoke nuisance.

3. Everywhere else

Householders may burn rubbish (other than the items listed above) as long as smoke nuisance does not affect neighboring properties.

What should I do if bothered by smoke from a rubbish fire?



Good relationships between neighbours should be maintained whenever possible, so firstly ask the person who has lit the fire to put it out.

If they won't and the smoke nuisance persists, then contact the Far North District council.

Phoning **0800 920029** will connect you with a Customer Service Officer who will assist in lodging your call and ensuring the appropriate Council Officer is notified.