

Christchurch City Council



NOTICE OF LIFTING OF FIRE BAN IN THE OPEN AIR WITHIN THE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch City Council is lifting its ban on fires in the open air in urban areas.

The ban, which has been in place since Saturday, 20 December 2014, will be lifted from midnight Saturday, 18 April 2015 until further notice.

The existing prohibition on fires in the open air is imposed pursuant to Section 13 of the Christchurch City Council Urban Fire Safety Bylaw 2014 and is in force for properties within the Urban Fire Districts of Christchurch, Brooklands, New Brighton, Sumner, Lyttelton, Governors Bay, Diamond Harbour, Little River and Akaroa.

Fires may now be lit in the open air in the urban areas without permit. Restrictions may be re-imposed at a later date if weather conditions create a potentially dangerous fire situation.

Before lighting fires in the open air, careful consideration must be given to weather conditions, the risk of spread, adequacy of fire breaks, availability of water, and the supervision of fires until completely out. Fires must only be lit in daylight hours and must not be left burning after dark.

Note: Resource Consent conditions are imposed by Environment Canterbury for fires in residential areas. Landowners in these areas need to contact Environment Canterbury for further information.