

DECLARATION OF FIRE PERMIT PERIOD – STATEWIDE

Under Section 61 of the Fire Service Act 1979, a fire permit period has been extended to include the whole of the state commencing at midnight on Thursday, 30 November 2017, for the municipal areas of:

SOUTHERN

Brighton
Central Highlands
Clarence
Derwent Valley
Glamorgan/Spring Bay
Glenorchy
Hobart
Huon Valley
Kingborough
Sorell
Southern Midlands
Tasman

NORTHERN

Break O'Day
Dorset
Flinders
George Town
Launceston
Meander Valley
Northern Midlands
West Tamar

NORTHWEST

Burnie
Central Coast
Circular Head
Devonport
Kentish
King Island
Latrobe
Waratah/Wynyard
West Coast



A Fire Permit Period is not designed to stop landowners from reducing fuel hazards. It is designed to decrease the risk of fires escaping.

1. Fire permits are required for:

- People intending to light a fire for burning of vegetation or similar purpose.
- People intending to light a fire at a sawmill or factory for the burning of wood waste or other flammable material.

2. People can light a fire for cooking, warmth or disposal of garden waste provided:

- The fire is not lit in peat, humus or marram grass.
- The fire is attended by a responsible adult at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- All flammable material is removed for at least 3 metres radius from the fire.
- It is less than 1 cubic metre in size.
- Comply with local government environmental bylaws.

3. During a Fire Permit Period people holding a Type 2 Fireworks Permit must not use these fireworks when the fire danger rating is predicted to be very high - 25 or above.

Note: Some Local Government authorities prohibit “backyard” burning in residential areas.

REMEMBER

- Fires must only be lit with the authority of the land owner.
- Fires must not be allowed to spread to neighbouring properties.
- Neighbours should be informed of an intention to light a fire.
- All fires lit in the open should be registered with the Tasmania Fire Service prior to lighting by telephoning Free Call 1800 000 699.
- If you don't know your Permit Officer, contact your local fire brigade or Free Call 1800 000 699.
- Further information is available at www.fire.tas.gov.au



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