

# TOTAL FIRE BAN DECLARATION

In accordance with section 70 of the *Fire Service Act 1979*, a Total Fire Ban is declared from 2am on **Saturday 28 December 2019** until 2am on **Tuesday 31 December 2019**.

## THE TOTAL FIRE BAN APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES:

### SOUTHERN

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

### NORTHERN

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



## DURING A TOTAL FIRE BAN:

- (a) No fires can be lit in the open air on any land for any purpose except those used in fire suppression by Tasmania Fire Service, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and Parks and Wildlife Service.
- (b) The occupier of the land where a fire occurs during this declaration shall immediately, after becoming aware of the fire:
  - i. Take diligent steps to extinguish the fire or to prevent it from spreading; and
  - ii. Report the fire to Tasmania Fire Service by calling '000'.
- (c) All fire permits granted will be suspended for the duration of the ban.
- (d) No fire permits will be issued during this declaration.
- (e) Gas stoves and gas or electric barbecues may be used provided they are clear of flammable material for a distance of one metre.
- (f) Cutting and welding machines or other apparatus may be used provided a hot works permit has been issued by Tasmania Fire Service and identified risk mitigation measures have been put in place.
- (g) Operators of machinery must comply with the TFS "Machinery Operations Guideline" when operating in areas within or in close proximity to dry vegetation and similar combustible materials under Total Fire Ban declarations.
- (h) The Princess Wharf No 1 precinct, defined as Castray Esplanade Morrison Street intersection to Castray Esplanade Runnymede Street intersection is not included.

For more information visit [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au) or freecall 1800 000 699

**The Tasmania Fire Service has a number of  
online resources to help you plan for bushfires  
including Bushfire Survival Plans and Community  
Protection Plans. Visit [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au) today.**

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