

Fire Type	Description	Conditions you need to follow if the fire type is authorised	Restricted season	Prohibited season
Gas-operated appliances	Manufactured gas-operated appliances, such as barbeques, outdoor fireplaces and outdoor gas heaters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more about the safe use of Gas-operated appliances: https://fireandemergency.nz/at-home/bbqs-and-gas-cylinders/ 	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Charcoal barbeques or grills	Barbeques or grills that use either charcoal briquettes or natural lump charcoal as their fuel source.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't use on an apartment balcony, deck, under a roof overhang or within other enclosed areas. <p><i>If you cannot meet this condition, you must apply for a permit.</i></p>	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Wood-fire pizza oven	Also known as wood ovens, these are ovens that use wood fuel for cooking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material. In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your pizza-oven, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer. 	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Chiminea	A freestanding front-loading fireplace or oven with a bulbous body, and usually has a vertical smoke vent or chimney.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your chiminea or pizza-oven, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer. <p><i>If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.</i></p>	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Cultural fires	Including hāngī, umu, braai and lovo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your fire area must be less than two square metres. Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material. In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your cultural fire, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer. <p><i>If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.</i></p>	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Braziers	A container for hot coals – usually an upright standing or hanging metal bowl or box.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your fire area must be less than 0.5 square metres. Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material. 	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*
Fire pits/bowls	A pit dug in the ground made from stone, brick or metal or a bowl on an upright stand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your brazier or fire pit/bowl, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer. <p><i>If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.</i></p>	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*
Open drum incinerator and manufactured incinerators	A drum or container with a mesh or solid lid designed to prevent the escape of hot ash or fire, and designed exclusively for incineration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't light your fire within five metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material. In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your incinerator, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer. <p><i>If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.</i></p>	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*

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Campfires	A fire (less than 0.5m diameter x 0.5m height) at a campsite that provides light and warmth, and heat for cooking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Bonfires	A large, but controlled outdoor fire, used either for informal disposal of burnable waste material or as part of a celebration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Burn piles	The burning of cut and stacked vegetation, includes horticulture branch/piles, offal pits or land clearing heaps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Crop residue/ stubble burns	Setting straw stubble or crop residue on fire that remains after wheat and other grains have been harvested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Broadcast land clearing burns	Applied generally to most or all of an area within well-defined boundaries to remove grass, scrub or forest cutover.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Windrows	The burning of vegetation that is placed in long narrow rows as a result of forest or scrub clearing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Other	Fires not captured in other fire types, such as biosecurity fires and planned structure fires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*

*Fire and Emergency will only grant permits while a prohibition is in force if:

- that is necessary to prevent, reduce, or overcome any hazard to life or because of any other serious emergency; or
- weather or other conditions have temporarily reduced the fire hazard so as to make it apparently safe to light a fire.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017, section 56 Prohibited or Restricted fire seasons

- FENZ may, by public notice, declare, for any area, -
 - a prohibited fire season.
 - a restricted fire season.
- An area that is not in a prohibited or restricted fire season is in an open season.
- FENZ may, by public notice, amend or revoke a declaration that it has made under subsection (1).
- FENZ may, by public notice, impose restrictions on the lighting of fires in open air on public conservation land that is in an area that is in a restricted fire season.
- A restriction under subsection (4) applies to the lighting of fires in open air other than in accordance with a permit granted under regulations made under section 190.



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