



Burning on trade premises

Smoke from outdoor burning pollutes the air and can cause serious health problems.

Rules within Northland – trade and industrial

- » In Northland, including within the Whangārei airshed, trade or industrial sites are only allowed to burn untreated wood, paper, cardboard or vegetation.
- » You must ensure that you do not cause a smoke or odour nuisance outside your boundary.
- » All items must have been generated onsite. You cannot burn rubbish or materials brought from another location. You cannot take your waste to another location, such as a farm, to burn.
- » Burning must be in a qualifying incinerator.

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For more details on rules regarding fires and burning go to www.nrc.govt.nz/backyardburning

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Reporting a smoke nuisance or a fire

Concerned about smoke or a fire? Try talking to the person, they may be unaware they are causing a problem. If the nuisance continues, call our 24/7 Environmental Hotline on **0800 504 639**.

Qualifying incinerator

A qualifying incinerator is made from non-combustible materials and is designed to burn waste. It must:

- » Contain all sparks and embers
- » Have a grate under the embers
- » Have a lid or spark arrestor.

Alternatives to burning

- » Recycle plastics, paper, glass and tins by placing them in your recycling bin, or taking them to your local recycling centre.
- » Take larger quantities of refuse to a transfer station for disposal.
- » Hire a mini skip and place your waste material in the skip for removal.

Fire permits and restrictions

Northland Regional Council **does not** issue fire permits.

- » During a fire ban you are not allowed to light fires or burn outside.
- » During a restricted fire season, you must apply for a permit. Even with a permit the rules above still apply.
- » To find out if there is a fire restriction or ban in place, or to apply for a permit, go to **www.checkitsalright.nz** or phone 0800 658 628.

Penalties

Those found breaching regional rules may face enforcement action and this can include being issued with an instant fine of up to \$1,000.

Contact details

To report smoke nuisance, and/or an air quality issue, call the regional council on our 24/7 Environmental Hotline: **0800 504 639**.

If you feel the fire is a danger, call 111 immediately.

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