



# Burning in rural areas

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

## Rules within Northland

- » In Northland, you 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 to burn.
- » You can burn offal or animal carcasses when on production land.
- » If you are planning on burning for more than 24 hours, you must notify neighbours within 100 metres of the burn site.

**You must ensure that you do not cause a smoke or odour nuisance outside your boundary**

For more details on rules regarding fires and burning go to [www.nrc.govt.nz/backyardburning](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/backyardburning)

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## Cooking fires, kilns and bonfires

Burning for cooking - including BBQ, hangi or umu - is permitted, along with wood fired kiln and in some cases community bonfires. However, you must not cause smoke or odour nuisance outside of your boundaries.

## 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.



## 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](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) or call 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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