

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FIRE PROHIBITION PERIOD

The Eastern Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre (EC-PDMC) a directorate within the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) hereby advises that due to the Veld Fire Season and prevailing Drought conditions, no burning or open fires as defined are permitted unless a notice in this regard is issued to lift the prohibition or permission is granted in terms of this notice in the following specified areas and periods:

- 1. Makana Municipality from 1 July 2017 until 31 January 2018;**
- 2. Kouga – and Koukamma Municipalities from 1 November 2017 until 28 February 2018;**
- 3. Ndlambe- and Sundays River Valley Municipalities from 1 November 2017 until 31 January 2018;**
- 4. Dr Beyers Naude Municipality from 1 August 2017 until 31 March 2018;**
- 5. Blue Crane Route Municipality from 1 August 2017 until 31 April 2018**
- 6. Amathole District from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 7. Chris Hani District from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 8. Joe Gqabi District from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 9. O.R. Tambo District from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 10. Alfred Nzo District from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 11. Buffalo City Metro from 1st August - 31st October 2017**
- 12. Nelson Mandela Metro from 1st November 2017 – 30th April 2018**

Burning will be allowed under the following strict conditions:

- ❖ The Fire Chief of the Metro's, Local / District Municipality or the Fire Protection Officer (FPO) of the local Fire Protection Association (FPA) must approve all burning operations according to their respective burning permit systems.
- ❖ Landowners must apply a minimum of seven (7) days prior to burning for pre-approval.
- ❖ Final approval for burning must be obtained on the day of the proposed burn.
- ❖ All bordering landowners must be informed of burning operations in terms of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (Act 101 of 1998) (NVFFA).
- ❖ The NVFFA places a duty on all landowners to have all precautions in place to prevent a fire from spreading or causing damage.

The public is urged to be extremely vigilant and to report any fires to the Local Municipal Fire Stations or Fire Protection Associations, alternatively to the Ambulance services at **(10177)** and Police services at **(10111)**.

Any person contravening this notice may be liable and face prosecution under the Fire Brigade Services Act 99 of 1987, National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998) or any other applicable legislation.

For any further information kindly contact Mr. NC Julius at 079 496 4256 / 040 602 6500 of the EC – Provincial Disaster Management Centre.