

Open Burning of Waste

Horizons Regional Council aims to maintain and enhance the air quality throughout our Region.

Burning waste is hazardous to your health and our environment; your last option should be to burn.

Please consider other disposal options first, such as composting, recycling, or taking waste to a landfill.

Please note: There should be no offensive smoke or odour that crosses property boundaries. Smoke must not affect visibility on roads or for aircraft.


A resource consent is required to burn anything on a trade and industrial site.

This brochure is only intended as a guide, for a full copy of the rules about open burning, please contact Horizons or visit our website www.horizons.govt.nz. City or district council regulations may also apply so please contact those entities for advice.



Burnable


If burning is your only option, the following waste can be burned without resource consent:

- Cardboard and paper
- Vegetable matter (including plant pests, agricultural, horticultural or domestic garden waste)
- Crops that have been grazed by stock
- Forestry waste
- Untreated timber (antisap stained wood is permitted)
- Non PVC plastics (plastics that DON'T have )



Never Burn

It is illegal to burn any of the following in an open fire:

- Rubber
- PVC plastics (plastic products containing )
- Waste oil
- Treated or painted timber
- Agrichemical waste
- Vehicle components

There are safer alternatives for the disposal of these items, please contact your local District Council or Horizons Regional Council for advice.