

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FIRE PROHIBITION PERIOD 2021/2022

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 in the following specified areas and periods:

- 1. Makana Municipality from 01 July 2021 until 31 October 2021;***
- 2. Kouga – and Koukamma Municipalities from 01 November 2021 until 28 February 2022;***
- 3. Ndlambe- and Sundays River Valley Municipalities from 01 November 2021 until 31 January 2022;***
- 4. Dr Beyers Naude Municipality from 01 August 2021 until 31 March 2022;***
- 5. Blue Crane Route Municipality from 01 August 2021 until 30 April 2022***
- 6. Amathole District from 01 July 2021 - 31st October 2021***
- 7. Chris Hani District from 01 August 2021 - 31st October 2021***
- 8. Joe Gqabi District from 01 July 2021 -31 January 2022***
- 9. O.R. Tambo District from 01 August 2021 - 31st October 2021***
- 10. Alfred Nzo District from 01 August 2021 - 31st October 2021***
- 11. Buffalo City Metro from 01 June 2021 - 31st August 2021***
- 12. Nelson Mandela Metro from 1st November 2021 – 30th April 2022***

Burning will be allowed under the following strict conditions:

- ❖ The Chief Fire Officers of the Metro's, Local / District Municipality or in the absence of a Chief Fire Officer, the Fire Protection Officer (FPO) of the local Fire Protection Association (FPA) must approve all burning operations according to their respective burning permit systems and Community Fire Safety By-laws.
- ❖ 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)**; Police services at **(10111)**; and **112** Cell phone emergency number

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 P Mabandla at 071 604 3160 of the EC – Provincial Disaster Management Centre.)