



IMPORTANT NOTICE

FIRE PROHIBITION PERIOD

The Sarah Baartman District Municipality in conjunction with 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 no burning or open fires as defined are permitted as follows:

- **Makana Municipality** as from **1 July 2016** until **31 January 2017**;
- **Kouga – and Koukamma Municipalities** as from **1 November 2016** until **28 February 2017**;
- **Ndlambe- and Sundays River Valley Municipalities** as from **1 November 2016** until **31 January 2017**;
- **Ikwezi and Baviaans Municipalities** as from **1 August 2016** until **31 October 2016**;
- **Blue Crane Route Municipality** as from **1 August 2016** until **31 January 2017**
- **Camdeboo Municipality** as from **1 August 2016** until **31 March 2017**

unless a notice in this regard is issued to lift the prohibition or permission is granted in terms of this notice.

Burning will be allowed under the following strict conditions:

- ❖ The Chief Fire Officers of the Local Municipalities 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 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 Municipalities

- Makana (Alicedale, Grahamstown, Riebeeck East): 046 6224444 / 080 111 4444
- Kouga (Hankey, Humansdorp, Jeffreys Bay, Oyster Bay, Patensie, St Francis Bay): 042 2910250
- Koukamma (Joubertina, Kareedouw, Louterwater, Storms River, Coldstream, Clarkson): 071 143 4005
- Ndlambe (Alexandria, Bathurst, Boknes, Bushmans River, Cannon Rocks, Kenton-on-Sea, Port Alfred): 046 6241111
- Sundays River Valley (Addo, Kirkwood, Paterson): 073 858 0225
- Ikwezi (Jansenville, Klipplaat): 060 564 6680
- Baviaans (Steytlerville, Willowmore): 078 002 0450
- Blue Crane Route (Cookhouse, Pearston, Somerset East): 083 940 6407 / 042 2431333 / 042 243 0890
- Camdeboo (Aberdeen, Graaff-Reinet, Nieu Bethesda): 083 754 9908

or the Sarah Baartman District Municipal Disaster Management Centre at 041 508 7048 / **Toll free 080 022 2238**, Fire Protection Associations, alternatively to the Ambulance services at **10177** and South African Police services at **10111**.

Any persons 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. J Spangenberg at 082 475 2233 of the SBDM or Mr. NC Julius at 079 496 4256 of the EC – PDMC