

## OUTDOOR COOKING AND HEATING GUIDELINES

Outdoor fires for cooking or heating like hangis or brazier fires are allowed, but must be in conditions where any smoke, ash or other discharge to air is not a nuisance to neighbours and any fire hazard is controlled.

You do not require permission for a fire within the Papakura District, however the following advice must be followed:

- Do not have a fire if there is a prohibited fire season in place.
- The fire is to be under adult supervision.
- A means of extinguishing the fire must be available.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood or other clean burning fuel.
- No PVC, plastics, fabrics or asbestos containing materials to be burnt.
- No hazardous waste solids or liquids to be burnt.
- Hangi or umu fires should not be lit or allowed to burn during the hours of darkness.
- Fire to be sited at least 3m from buildings, property boundaries and any combustible material.
- Fire to be sited at least 15m from stores and dispensers of flammable liquids, for example service stations, fuel containers and gas cylinders.
- Do not light fires in strong winds or when strong winds are forecast for that day.
- Preferably burn only when wind is slight and preferably the wind direction is away from nearby houses.
- Ensure the fire is extinguished when you are finished.
- Be considerate to neighbours, check for washing on lines, and notify them of your intentions so they can take precautions like taking in washing and closing windows. If there is excessive smoke which is polluting the neighbourhood, then put the fire out until conditions are more favourable.
- All smoke is toxic and some people, due to medical conditions, can be very sensitive to smoke inhalation resulting in life threatening reactions such as asthma attacks.

### REMEMBER:

- No animals used for the hangi, umu or barbeque are to be killed or gutted at the residential property.
- Remove rubbish from the site immediately afterwards and dispose of it carefully.
- Store leftover food scraps in a covered bin until collection day.
- Do not bury meat or vegetable scraps as this could attract rats and dogs both of which carry infectious diseases.

For further information, contact the Environmental Health Officer at Papakura District Council on 295 2326