Beach Bonfires

Beach bonfires can be a fun way to spend time with friends and family but they need to be carefully managed and supervised, and held in a safe and permitted place. Here is a guideline to beach bonfires in the Whakatāne District.

A written fire permit is required for <u>all</u> beach bonfires

Fire permit applications are FREE

Download the fire permit application form from **www.whakatane.govt.nz** or collect one from our Council offices. Alternatively, call 07 306 0500 to request a fire permit.

BEACH FIRES ARE PROHIBITED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Port Ōhope: Anywhere East of Ōhope Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park right through to the end of Ōhope Spit.

Ōhiwa Harbour: All Council reserves along the harbour margin.

Ōtarawairere: Anywhere between Whakatāne Heads (1a Muriwai Drive) and West End toilets (63 West End Road).

Coastlands: Anywhere East of Piripai Rise (off Bunyan Rd) through to the Whakatāne river entrance.

BONFIRES ARE ALLOWED AT ALL OTHER LOCATIONS FROM:

Ōtamarākau to Piripai: Includes Coastlands, Thornton, Matatā, and Pikowai Beaches

Ōhope Beach: From the West End public carpark to the end of Ōhope Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park.

The following conditions must be met:

- Fires should not be lit in windy conditions
- You must actively supervise your fire at all times
- Take all rubbish and litter with you

- You must keep your fire at least 10 metres away from beach vegetation or driftwood
- You must extinguish your fire with water when finished

Please be considerate of other beach users

NEVER cover your bonfire with sand when you leave. This just traps heat and does not extinguish the fire.

NEVER deposit glass or other rubbish in the bonfire. Sand-covered bonfires, broken glass and aluminium cans are a danger to other beach users – especially children!

IN AN EMERGENCY

In any emergency situation, **phone 111** and give full details of the incident to the emergency services. Be sure to include: clear directions as to your location, how to get there, details of the incident and the number of persons involved.

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