



Did you know that burning tyres is illegal?

Burning tyres, even just one tyre to get a fire going, is illegal.

Tyres are one of a number of materials prohibited from being burnt in the Waikato region under the Waikato Regional Plan's Prohibited Activity Rule – Open Burning of Specified Material 6.1.13.4. Burning tyres is also prohibited nationally under the National Environmental Standards for air quality.

It can result in an instant fine of up to \$1000 for smaller quantities of tyres and prosecution or heavier penalties in some cases.

Burning tyres is an environmental and health hazard.

Burning tyres:

- release significant quantities of hazardous air pollutants into local air
- produce large quantities of toxic oil, which can contaminate soil and waterways.

Pollutants released by burning tyres include:

particulate matter

polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

butadiene

sulphur dioxide

volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

carbon monoxide

dioxins

Health and environmental effects can include:

- irritation of airways, coughing, difficulty breathing
- aggravated asthma
- chronic bronchitis
- irregular heartbeat
- damage to the cardiovascular system

- irritation of airways and eyes
- increased risk of lung cancer with longer exposures

- irritation of the airways, lungs and nasal passages
- blurred vision, headache, fatigue and vertigo

- wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing with particular danger to asthmatics

- eye, nose, and throat irritation
- headaches, loss of coordination, nausea
- damage to liver, kidney, and central nervous system
- increased risk of cancer with longer exposures

- angina (heart pains)
- decreased visual perception
- less oxygen to the heart
- breathlessness
- damage to the cardiovascular system

- can settle on plants which, if eaten by livestock, contaminate milk and meat
- adds to total dioxin in environment and food chain
- increased risk of cancer

Tyre disposal

Dispose of tyres safely and legally.

- Most district councils in the Waikato region have dumping facilities that take tyres for a small fee, starting at just a few dollars per tyre. Check the Yellow Pages under 'tyre disposal'.
- When you buy new tyres, ask the tyre shop to take your old tyres as part of the deal.



District council facilities that accept tyres

For more information, please contact the facility on the phone number listed. This information is correct at time of printing.

Hauraki District Council

Phone 07 862 8609
Paeroa – Grey Street
Waihi – Dean Crescent

Matamata-Piako District Council

Matamata – Mangawhero Road, phone 07 888 5700
Morrinsville – Roache Road, phone 07 889 3401
Te Aroha – State Highway 26, Waihou, phone 07 884 8831

Otorohanga District Council

Phone 07 873 7775
Otorohanga – Progress Drive
Kawhia – Lake Road

South Waikato District Council

Tokoroa – Newells Road, phone 07 886 9851

Taupo District Council

Phone 07 376 0899
Taupo – Broadlands Road
Turangi – Tukehu Street

Waikato District Council

Huntly – McVie Road
phone 07 828 9719 or 029 201 3971
Te Kauwhata – Rata Street, phone 07 826 3456

Waitomo District Council

Phone 07 878 0800
Benneydale – Mine Road
Awakino/Mokau – Corner Manganui and Taumatamaire Roads
Pio Pio – Corner of Aria and Kahuwera Roads
Marokopa – Marokopa Road
Te Kuiti – Williams Street
Kinohaku – Corner Te Waitere and Harbour Roads

For more information

freephone 0800 800 401

www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/tyres

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Contact the Waikato Regional Council if you think someone is burning tyres.

Freephone the Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401.

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Include exact location and, if known, who is responsible. Calls can be made in confidence.

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