


BURNING PROHIBITION KWAZULU NATAL 2002**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY****PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF GROUND COVER, INCLUDING SLASH, THE CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF A FIRE BELT BY BURNING OR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: KWAZULU-NATAL**

I, Michael Arnold Muller in my capacity as Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby declare, in terms of section 25 (1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act, 1994 (Act No. 122 of 1994), that in my opinion State forests or private forests in the areas indicated in the Schedule hereto, are subject to an extraordinary fire hazard. I therefore-

- (1) direct that in the areas and during the said periods indicated in the Schedule no person shall **make a fire in the open air**, or if such a fire has been made, allow it to continue to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than-
 - (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or caravan park or holiday resort, but only at places within such a demarcated area as have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose;
 - (b) fires for the preparation of food on residential stands which are adequately protected against fire;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships which are adequately protected against fire; and
 - (d) fires to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed from 18:00 on Fridays to Saturdays 07:00 in the Zululand Interior Areas, 08:00 in the Northern Natal and Zululand Coastal Areas and 10:00 in the Natal Midlands Areas, as well as, 17:00 on Sundays to 06:00 on Mondays;
- (2) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, no person shall **destroy any ground cover**, including any slash or harvest residue by burning other than maize harvest residue, which may be destroyed from 14:00 to 24:00 daily, except from 18:00 on Fridays to 14:00 on Mondays subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the Veld & Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act 101 of 1998);
- (3) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, the **clearing or maintenance of fire belts** by burning is prohibited;
- (4) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, the **execution of block burns** including the burning of veld, may not take place from 12:00 for Zululand Interior Areas and 18:00 for Northern Natal and Natal Midlands on Fridays to 06:00 on Mondays subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the Veld & Forest Fire Act, 1998. (Act 101 of 1998)

These prohibitions or part thereof as well as the period(s) of validity can be lifted or amended by the Regional Director, where and/or when circumstances permit, subject to review by the local/nearest Fire Protection Association.



Arnold Michael Muller
Director-General

Magisterial district	Making fires in the open air From to	Burning of ground cover From to	Burning of maize harvest residue Permitted From to	Clearing of firebelts From to	Execution of block burns From to
Zululand: Interior areas					
Babanango	04-07-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Eshowe	04-07-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Mtonjaneni	04-07-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Northern Natal					
Black Mfolozi	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Blood River	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Enyati	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Hlobane	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Lenjane	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Lowsberg	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Ngome	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Paulpietersburg	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Scheepersnek	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Utrecht	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Vryheid	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
White Mfolozi	04-06-01 to 04-11-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Zululand: Coastal areas					
Hlabisa	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30
Lower Umfolozi	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30
Mthunzini	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	-	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30
Natal Midlands					
Alfred	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Bergville	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Camperdown	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Estcourt	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Ixopo	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Kranskop	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31

Lions River	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Lower Tugela	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Mooi River	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Ipendie	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Mt Currie	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Newcastle	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
New Hanover	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Pietermaritzburg	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Polela	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Richmond	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Umvoti	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31
Underberg	04-05-01 to 04-11-30	04-06-01 to 04-10-31	04-07-01 to 04-09-30	04-08-01 to 04-09-30	04-07-01 to 04-10-31