

# IMPORTANT PREVENT FOREST FIRES

The Department of Agriculture and Food advises forest owners and the general public that current weather conditions pose a serious risk of forest fires and that there are some simple steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of fire damage to woodland. These steps include:

- 1. DO NOT LIGHT FIRES IN OR NEAR WOODLAND.** Take care with other potential sources of ignition.
- 2. BE PREPARED.** Forest owners should ensure firebreaks are maintained along vulnerable boundaries and have a fire plan ready for plantations. Have suitable fire fighting equipment at hand. Cooperation with neighbours is vital to successful fire prevention.
- 3. BE VIGILANT.** Forest owners and the public should be particularly vigilant regarding fires following prolonged dry spells.
- 4. REPORT FIRES** immediately to the emergency services.
- 5. OBEY THE LAW.** It is prohibited, under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000, to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated between 1st day of March and 31st day of August in any year. In addition, Single Payment Scheme applicants found burning vegetation within this period could have their payments reduced.

**Be prepared, be vigilant,  
and help stamp out forest fires.**



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