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CONTROLLED FIRES BANNED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All controlled burning of land in the Garden Route is prohibited.

Controlled burns / firebreaks are not permitted to be done by any person other than the fire control authorities. It has come under the attention of the Garden Route DM Joint Operations Centre (JOC) that some land owners are attempting to start controlled burns. Everyone needs to adhere to these precautionary measures. It is envisaged that this will be in place until the end of March 2018.

The municipality appeals to all people who live, work and visit the area to exercise extreme caution at all times; to make fires in protected and designated areas only, and to dispose of cigarette butts safely. There is a long, hot summer ahead and we need everyone to help in keeping our region safe.

For more information regarding fire permits, contact:

- George 044 801 6300
- Hessequa 028 713 8000
- Mossel Bay 044 606 5107
- Kannaland 044 805 5071
- Oudtshoorn 044 203 8911
- Knysna 044 302 8911
- Bitou 044 533 500

For enquiries relating to wildfires, contact the Garden Route DM JOC on 044 805 5071.

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