

PUBLIC NOTICE ON UNCONTROLLED FIRES

Fires Destroy the Environment and Zimbabwe's Economy- Let's Prevent Them.

Let us construct standard fire guards, which are at least 9 metres wide around our properties, fields, homes and grazing land using locally available resources before the end June.

This safeguards our lives, property, livestock, wildlife and the environment:

- Avoid smoking of bees in the wild-Get involved in sustainable bee keeping projects;
- Avoid land clearing using fires- Plough back the crop residue for organic manure and moisture conservation;
- Avoid using fire when hunting- Keep small livestock such as rabbits, pigeons and chickens for a reliable source of protein;
- Avoid the throwing of cigarette stumps randomly- Put out cigarette stumps and make use of ashtrays;
- Avoid lighting fires while waiting for buses- Put on warm clothing when waiting for early morning buses;
- Avoid burning waste – Pit compost in our homes provides good organic manure.

Remember, It Is An Offence

- For a land user, owner or designated authority to fail to put in place standard fire guards of at least 9m on their land;
- To intentionally start a fire and leave it unattended;
- To start a fire outside residential or commercial premises during the period 31 July to 31 October;
- For a landowner to deliberately fail to extinguish a fire on his/her property;
- To refuse to participate in extinguishing a fire which occurs within your vicinity;
- For a land user, land owner, designated authority, traditional leader or councillor to fail to investigate and document the causes of a fire and

the extent of damage within seven days;

- To start or assist in the starting of a fire, use or add fuel to a fire which spreads and causes injury during the fire season.