

# BONFIRE BAN AT HIGHGATE ALLOTMENTS

## 1 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER

Following consultation across the borough, in June 2014 Haringey Council introduced a borough-wide ban on bonfires in all its allotment sites every year **between the dates 1 April to 30 September inclusive**. Any plotholder who can be shown to have deliberately flouted the ban risks termination of their tenancy by Haringey Council.

The ban covers the lighting of all fires, including incinerators, *except for barbecues*.

### **Council Guidance Notes from tenancy responsibility agreement**

*“It is always preferable to compost as much allotment waste as possible; it is environmentally friendly and will provide you with free compost for your garden. If you require a compost bin, the Recycling Department at Haringey Council can advise you on where to obtain one.*

*We appreciate that you may have allotment waste which is non-compostable and may need to have a small bonfire. If this is the case we ask that you remember the following:*

- *Bonfires may only be lit where they cause no nuisance to any neighbour, tenant or otherwise.*
- *If you are asked to extinguish a nuisance bonfire by a neighbour, Tenant or otherwise, you must do so immediately.*
- *Only dry natural materials may be burnt, e.g. dry diseased plants, perennial weeds, stalks and prunings.*
- *Bonfires are not permitted at any time for the burning of manufactured materials such as plastics and rubber.*
- *A quick hot fire will produce minimum smoke*
- *Do not light a bonfire within one hour of sunset or leave alight later than one hour after sunset. Climatic conditions at these times may increase the smoke problem*
- *A bonfire should never be left unattended; make sure that when leaving the plot the fire is completely extinguished.*
- *Notice must be paid to Council guidelines, the law and other protocols that may exist on individual sites”*

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