



The risk of wildfires

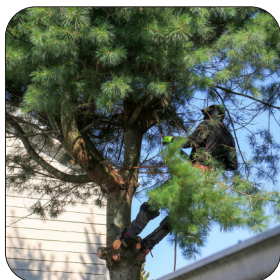
With a developing El Niño expected to influence New Zealand's weather patterns over the coming months, it is important that we all make what preparations we can to decrease the risk of wildfire.

The wildfires at Lake Pukaki and Lake Ōhau in October 2020 remind us how quickly fire can spread and how devastating it can be.

Acting now can reduce the risk to ourselves and to our community. Fire and Emergency is working with the council, Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation to reduce the risk of wildfires being started by human activities, and to limit the opportunities for fires to spread, so that our whole community is safer.

Actions you can take to reduce the risk to your home from wildfire

- Create a safety zone (also called defensible space) around your home
- Keep the grass short around your home, including the garage, garden shed and other buildings
- Clear gutters to remove dead leaves, debris and pine needles
- Clear the area around your deck of dead leaves, debris and other material that will burn easily
- Move your firewood stack off the deck and at least 10 metres away from the house
- Remove highly flammable plants close to your house and other buildings. You might be surprised how quickly some common plants will burn compared to others
- Remove branches of trees overhanging your home and outbuildings
- Make sure the access to your property, including your gateway and drive, is at least 4 metres wide and 4 metres high so emergency vehicles can reach you



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Put on the list for the next long weekend

- Enclose the spaces under your home, such as the edge of your deck or the gap between wallboards and the ground, where embers could blow in and set fire to your house.
- Check any wooden fences around your property, and replace any sections that are joined to the house. If the fence catches fire it can set your house alight too.
- Plant low flammability species on your property.

Low flammability plants

Landscaping with low flammability plants can help reduce the impact of wildfire around your home, other buildings, and other valuable assets like crops.

Choosing less flammable plants can help starve a wildfire of fuel, reducing the fire intensity, and help protect your home, buildings and valuable assets from intense heat.

Many of New Zealand's native and exotic species have low or low-moderate flammability and are therefore ideal for planting around your property or to protect valuable assets.



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Water off notice for all of Fairlie - Tuesday 6 October 2026

The water main supplying all of Fairlie will be turned off between 2:00pm and 4:00pm for branch valve repair work.

Your water supply may be restored earlier than advised if the work is completed sooner.

We apologise for any inconvenience while this work is completed.

View the latest water alerts at mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Water > Water alerts



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Mackenzie County Scholarship

The Trust has Scholarships available for the first year tertiary education of post Year 12 NCEA Level 2 level.

Applications are invited from students currently attending Mackenzie College or Twizel Area School; or who are residents of the Mackenzie District; or one of whose parents (or the student's principal guardian / caregiver) is a permanent resident of the Mackenzie District.

Applications close on 31 October 2026.

Please visit mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Mackenzie County Scholarship for more details and to fill in the online application form.



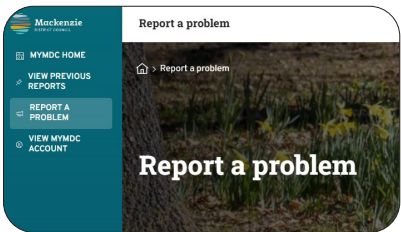
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Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time*	Location
Tuesday 6 October	Finance Committee Meeting Council Chambers	9:00am	Fairlie
Thursday 8 October	Fairlie Community Board Meeting Council Chambers	4:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 13 October	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:00am	Fairlie
Monday 19 October	Twizel Community Board Meeting Twizel Community Lounge	4:30pm	Twizel
Tuesday 20 October	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 27 October	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:00am	Fairlie

The public are welcome to attend meetings. Occasionally times and venues change so please call and check beforehand. There is a public forum at the beginning of each Council and Community Board meeting and members of the public are invited to address Elected Members on relevant matters.

Agendas for scheduled meetings are available two days before the meeting (with the exception of late papers, which are added to the agenda when available). Agendas for extraordinary meetings are made available as soon as practicably possible. (Extraordinary meetings are meetings held outside the published meeting schedule and are called when a decision cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting).

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* The length of the meeting will depend on the agenda.



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