

# Coromandel Summer tips



*The Coromandel – Good for your soul*

# Welcome to summer on the Coromandel

We want everyone to enjoy their time here, so it's important that we have a few rules to make sure that activities don't negatively affect our unique environment, our infrastructure and the safety of others. This brochure provides a summary of some of the rules in place around Thames-Coromandel District so we can all enjoy the summer.

**TIAKI PROMISE**

— WHILE TRAVELLING IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL —

CARE FOR LAND, SEA AND NATURE,  
TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE

TRAVEL SAFELY, SHOWING CARE  
AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL

RESPECT CULTURE, TRAVELLING  
WITH AN OPEN HEART AND MIND

HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

- PROTECT NATURE
- KEEP NZ CLEAN
- DRIVE CAREFULLY
- BE PREPARED
- SHOW RESPECT



## Dogs

Most of our beaches have summer restrictions – dogs may be prohibited or only allowed before 9am and after 6pm. This is not only to keep dogs off beaches when they're crowded with people, but to protect important bird habitats during their summer breeding time. The endangered New Zealand dotterel/ tūturiwhatu is found only in this country and uncontrolled dogs running through nesting areas can crush eggs, disturb nesting adults, and kill chicks. Many beaches have dog restrictions and owners should be aware of these. Watch for signs at beach access ways, check [tcdc.govt.nz/dogs](http://tcdc.govt.nz/dogs) or call us and ask if you're not sure where and when dogs are allowed.

In specified areas dogs may be off – lead, but owners must have control at all times. In all other public places dogs must be on a lead.

Remove dog droppings.

Register your dog.

And please don't let your dog roam in the bush and keep it contained at night. There have been too many of our precious kiwi killed recently by dogs. Kiwi aversion training is available. Check the Kiwi for Kiwis website and search "avoidance" for training sessions in your area: [kiwisforkiwi.org](http://kiwisforkiwi.org)

## Kauri dieback

Kauri trees are found amongst other native trees throughout our walking tracks. But kauri dieback disease is threatening kauri with extinction. There is no cure for kauri dieback disease, it can be spread by just a pinhead of soil. For more information on how to save kauri see [kauridieback.co.nz](http://kauridieback.co.nz)



## Freedom Camping

Freedom camping on Council land is prohibited in some areas or restricted to designated zones – both are clearly sign-posted. Freedom camping on Council land is only permitted in vehicles that are certified as self-contained by a certifying agency such as the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. Check their website at [nzorca.org.nz](http://nzorca.org.nz) for details.

If you want to camp and your vehicle is not certified as self-contained, please look for a commercial or Department of Conservation campground. There is a \$200 instant fine for offending on Council land.

[tcdc.govt.nz/camping](http://tcdc.govt.nz/camping)

## Fly-tipping

We take a hard line on the illegal dumping of rubbish (fly-tipping) in the Coromandel. We monitor known dump sites and investigate any fly-tipping with a view to prosecuting the dumpers and recovering the costs of clean up. If you see illegal dumping please report it to us with any information to identify the offender. We will investigate, infringe or prosecute people who leave litter in a public place. Be a tidy Kiwi! Help keep the Coromandel beautiful.

[tcdc.govt.nz/flytipping](http://tcdc.govt.nz/flytipping)

## Kerbside Collections & Refuse Transfer Stations

Instead of fly-tipping your rubbish, use our pre-paid blue Council rubbish bags and put them out for kerbside collection. The blue rubbish bags can be bought at supermarkets, dairies and our Council offices. Please put them on the kerbside for collection, not hanging from trees or poles or in a cage or other container. Recyclables are also collected kerbside: Glass goes in the crate and paper, plastics, tins and cardboard go in the wheelie-bin. Check the kerbside schedule at [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](http://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)



If you miss the collection day, blue bags and recycling can be dropped off at our Refuse Transfer Stations free of charge. RTS locations and hours are at [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rts) Several of our RTSs have 24/7 after-hours drop-off facilities and we have several portable rubbish compactors that can take an ordinary-sized rubbish bag (the size of our blue Council bags) for a \$2 coin. Check their locations at [tcdc.govt.nz/rubbishcompactors](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rubbishcompactors)

## Fire Ban & Fireworks

Fire and Emergency New Zealand issues permits for fires in the open, and sets fire seasons and bans. Check their website [checkitsalright.nz](http://checkitsalright.nz) for more information.



A total fire ban applies in the Coromandel from 20 Dec to 8 Feb every year and may be extended if weather conditions dictate.

The ban includes: open fires in public places, beaches, public conservation land (DOC), and on private property. Fires include: traditional cooking fires, bonfires, solid-fuelled BBQs, braziers, fireworks, Chinese lanterns.

## Alcohol Bans in Public Places

Our town centres have year-round, 24/7, alcohol bans in force and many of our beaches and seaside reserves have alcohol bans in place over Christmas/New Year and holiday long weekends. The police enforce these bans and you may be fined \$250 or your alcohol confiscated if you breach a ban.

You must not consume or take alcohol into any public place where an alcohol ban is in force. See the ban areas and times: [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](http://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)



## Weddings & Events on Council Reserves

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You can hire one of our parks or reserves for weddings or other functions. Choose your preferred location and fill in the application form on our web page [tcdc.govt.nz/concessions](http://tcdc.govt.nz/concessions)

## Drones

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Civil Aviation Authority regulations require that landowners give permission before unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), including drones, are flown over their property - this includes Council land. Flying UAVs over Council land, such as reserves, is generally permitted so long as the operator complies with the guidelines on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/drones](http://tcdc.govt.nz/drones); however, please be aware of UAV regulations around aerodromes, as most of our towns are within 4km of an aerodrome ([airshare.co.nz](http://airshare.co.nz)).

## Vehicles on Reserves and Beaches

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We actively discourage, and in some areas prohibit, vehicles from beaches and reserves. Beaches should only be accessed in a vehicle to launch or retrieve a watercraft and only at designated locations. Please use common sense: vehicles and busy beaches don't mix. Also, check our Reserve Management Plans for vehicle restrictions on specific beaches and reserves: [tcdc.govt.nz/rmps](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rmps)  
Vehicles and trailers should not park on any beach. Vehicles must not damage any vegetation or be used in a manner considered to be dangerous or inconsiderate to pedestrians.

*“Vehicle” includes any conveyance with wheels, rollers or tracks.*



## Noise Control

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Consider your neighbours when you're making any noise. Noise must not interfere with the peace, comfort and convenience of any person. If any noise is considered excessive by a Noise Control Officer then notice to cease the noise may be served. Such a notice is valid for 72 hours. If the notice is not complied with then the Noise Control Officer and the police may enter any property or dwelling to seize any equipment used to create the noise. Call our 24/7 Customer Services number 07 868 0200 if you have a noise complaint.

## Request for Service

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If you have any questions or concerns about anything else our Council provides (eg parks and reserves, public toilets, trees, gardens, cemeteries, sports grounds, boat ramps, wharves, harbours) you can call our 24/7 Customer Services number 07 868 0200 or fill out an online Request For Service form on our website: [tcdc.govt.nz/rfs](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rfs)

## Civil Defence

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Keep up to date with any emergencies on the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management website: [civildefence.govt.nz](http://civildefence.govt.nz)

Download the Red Cross Hazards app: <https://bit.ly/2DVIIIG4>

Check the MetService for weather updates: [metservice.com](http://metservice.com)

And prepare a plan so you're ready to get through an emergency: [getthru.govt.nz](http://getthru.govt.nz)





We'll post summer updates on our Facebook page at:  
**[facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil](https://facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil)**

*For more information please contact:*  
**Thames-Coromandel District Council**  
**Private Bag, Thames**

**Phone 07 868 0200**  
**Email [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)**

**[tcdc.govt.nz](http://tcdc.govt.nz)**



**[tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo](http://tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo)**