

## **Tips on how to avoid fires**

The fire season starts on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October each year. During this period veld fires are prone as vegetation would have dried and the prevailing weather conditions such as high temperatures and wind promote the spread of fires. It is against this background that we need to enlighten each other on the things that we can do so that we avoid at all costs the need to start fires during this season.

### **Tips**

- 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 increased organic manure and moisture conservation.
- Avoid using fire- for a reliable source of protein, keep small livestock like rabbits, pigeons and chickens.
- Avoid the throwing of cigarette stumps randomly- put out cigarette stumps and make use of ashtrays for safekeeping of cigarette stumps.
- Avoid lighting fires while waiting for buses- putting on warm clothing is encouraged when waiting for buses early in the morning.
- Avoid burning waste – pit compost in our homes provide good organic manure.