

NOTICE TO FIREWOOD CUTTERS

Below is your **FREE USE PERMIT** which allows you to cut dead standing or dead down trees for firewood in the Cascades Natural Resource District.

Firewood is available for **PERSONAL USE ONLY** from **Vacant Crown Land**. It is the permit holder's responsibility to ensure that s/he is cutting on **VACANT CROWN LAND**.

This authorization is only for the **CASCADES NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT OFFICE** within the Thompson-Okanagan Natural Resource Region. This permit gives the permittee the authorization to cut timber within the Cascades Natural Resource District boundaries, and does not authorize the cutting or removal of timber in other forest districts.

Please fill in the blanks, sign the Permit and carry it with you when cutting firewood. Cutting firewood without this permit may result in confiscation of the wood and charges under the *Forest Act*.

-----cut this permit out-----

FREE USE PERMIT

I, _____ of _____
(Full Legal Name) (Mailing address, City, Postal Code)
_____ phone number _____


hereby apply for a Free Use Permit to cut Firewood for personal use and not for resale.

I agree to:

1. Ensure that the firewood is cut from Vacant Crown Land. Please note: that **Woodlot Licences are not Vacant Crown Land**. See web map to assess areas not eligible for firewood harvest located at <https://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/dmf-viewer/?siteid=5342025102195394536>
2. Firewood gathering is prohibited within active logging areas, research trial areas, recreation areas and campsites.
3. Cut and remove only dead standing or dead down trees.
4. Leave stumps no higher than 30 centimetres (1 foot) from the ground.
5. Maximum length of firewood pieces being transported must be less than 2.5 metres.
6. Clear all debris from roads, roadside ditches and streams, and lop all branches from felled trees and scatter them close to the ground.
7. CUTTING OF THE FOLLOWING TREES IS PROHIBITED:
 - a) Cutting any trees marked by BC Environment for the preservation of wildlife.
 - b) Snags over 40 centimetres (16 inches) in diameter at breast height. These are to be left for wildlife and birds.
8. REFRAIN from cutting any live, green coniferous or deciduous trees or removing any Forest Company's coniferous or deciduous log decks for firewood as doing so is an infraction against the *FOREST and RANGE PRACTICES ACT* and subject to administrative penalties and criminal charges.
9. Assume responsibility for any damage, injury claim, or expense that the Crown faces as a result, directly or indirectly, of the activities carried out in connection with this permit.
10. No fires except those required for cooking and warming purposes will be lit between April 15th and October 15th. Operators cutting firewood during this period must have a 0.225 kg. (10oz) pressurized fire extinguisher or 9 litres (2 gallons) of water and round-nosed shovel.
11. This permit is issued and accepted on the understanding that failure to carry out any of the above conditions will subject it to cancellation by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. This permit may be suspended during periods of high and extreme fire danger.
12. This Free Use Permit is limited to 30 m³ maximum volume (8 cords) and is valid for one year from date of issuance.
13. The permittee will comply with the *Forest Act* and regulations and the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and regulations.
14. The permittee is exempt from marking the boundaries of the cutting area.

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE

DATE



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