



## FREE USE PERMIT (FOR FIREWOOD)

### AUTHORIZATION TO CUT FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL USE

Harvesting firewood from Crown land without a cutting authority is unlawful. Note that firewood cutting is not to take place on plantations, research areas, recreation sites, recreation trails, wildlife retention areas, or cut blocks being logged. Firewood may only be cut in the community forest or woodlots with the tenure holder's permission, or on private land with the landowner's permission.

Pursuant to Section 48(1)(b) of the *Forest Act*, within the Mackenzie Forest District you may cut and transport up to fifty cubic metres (50 m<sup>3</sup>) for your own personal use, subject to the following conditions:

- You may cut only dead timber, whether it is standing (snag) or down (blowdown). No standing trees greater than 40cm diameter shall be cut (these are to be left for wildlife use).
- Cutting live trees, cutting trees showing obvious signs of use by wildlife, or removing decked logs (such as those processed by a logging operation) is strictly prohibited.
- No harvesting is permitted within a tree length of streams, lakes or other watercourses.
- Stumps will be cut as low as possible and must not exceed thirty centimetres (30 cm) in height.
- Firewood must be bucked into lengths of less than one metre (1 m) before transporting it from where it was cut.
- Firewood may be transported in a pickup-sized vehicle or equivalent. The use of a logging truck or commercial vehicle is prohibited.
- The firewood you harvest under this permit is for personal domestic use only and cannot be sold.
- Caution must be taken when falling dead trees that are adjacent to public roads. This includes Highways Act roads, Forest Service Roads and Road Permit Roads. Persons falling dead trees adjacent to public roads are obligated to put safety measures in place to ensure the travelling public are not put in danger.
- No timber shall be left leaning, hanging, or in any condition that jeopardises the safety of others.
- There is no cutting permitted when the fire hazard rating is "high" or "extreme".
- You must have appropriate firefighting tools with you when cutting.
- All branches must be lopped and scattered to reduce fire hazards, and no debris shall be left on roads or in roadside ditches.
- No harvesting of trees will be permitted along the road accessing the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station.
- **Moving firewood increases the risk of spreading disease, fungi, and insects. Plan to burn wood in the area it was harvested from.**

In an effort to stop unauthorized cutting of trees, the Ministry of Forests will be carrying out patrols. Enforcement actions may be taken against anyone who is found to be cutting or transporting firewood in an unlawful manner. We ask your co-operation in helping us to stop the unlawful harvesting and selling of firewood. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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**This permit expires March 31, 2025**

I have read and understand this permit

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Signature

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Authorized by Ryan Bichon  
District Manager  
Mackenzie Forest District

**You must carry this signed permit at all times while cutting or transporting firewood**