



**FREE USE PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD IN THE
THOMPSON RIVERS FOREST DISTRICT**
Issued under the authority of Section 48(1)(b) of the Forest Act

(Full Legal Name of Permittee & address)

Phone #

This Permit is available for **PERSONAL USE ONLY** and does **NOT** allow for the sale or barter of firewood to others or for business purposes.

FIREWOOD is round or split blocks of wood cut on site from dead - standing or dead - down trees for heating and/or cooking purposes. Firewood ranges in lengths up to 1.2 metres (m).

This permit limits up to six (6) cords (a cord is 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet) per Legal Property Address per year. Maximum transport length is two (2) metres (7 feet).

By signing and dating this personal use firewood permit, the undersigned agrees to comply with the following conditions:

- 1) Ensure that the firewood is cut from unencumbered/vacant Crown Land within the Thompson Rivers District. A webmap link is provided on page 2 of this permit.
- 2) This permit does not authorize any activities within the area of any other active cutting authority.
- 3) Cut and remove only dead standing trees or down trees less than 40 cm (16 inches) in diameter at their largest end with stump heights less than 30 cm (12 inches) from the ground.
- 4) Clear all debris from roads, roadside ditches and streams, and lop all branches from felled trees and scatter them close to the ground.
- 5) 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.

NOT AUTHORIZED TO:

- 1) Cut any trees marked for the preservation of wildlife or any trees showing obvious signs of wildlife use (ie: cavities, nests, foraging marks, etc).
- 2) Cut any live, green trees (coniferous or deciduous)
- 3) Cut any trees within a legally established Old Growth Management Areas – see webmap link
- 4) Cut into or remove any Forest Company’s coniferous or deciduous logs decks or waste piles without permissions as doing so is an infraction against the Forest and Range Practices Act and may be subject to a minimum fine of \$173 and /or criminal charges of theft under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- 5) Cut any trees from Parks, First Nations Woodlands Licence areas, Community Forest Agreement areas or Woodlot Licence areas without permissions. See webmap link on page 2
- 6) Cut any trees in Recreation Areas or Campsites or within fifty (50) metres of any lake or stream.
- 7) Cut any standing Western Red Cedar or Western Larch trees.
- 8) No use of industrial equipment and/or use motor vehicles to skid or drag timber.

This permit is not valid until signed and dated by the applicant and must be carried by the permittee while carrying out activities or transporting timber cut under the permit.

This permit expires March 31, 2025 and is only valid in the Thompson Rivers District.

SIGNED:

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE

Date

Ben Humphrey, RPF
Senior Authorizations Officer

Web Links:

Permits listed by region and forest district:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/natural-resource-permits/firewood-permits>

Interactive Webmap Link → <https://firewood-cutting-prohibited-areas.apps.gov.bc.ca/>

Special Tree Protection Regulation:

The regulation came into effect on September 11, 2020. The regulation protects large standing trees on Crown land, as well as private land that is subject to an agreement under the Forest Act.

Details regarding species and diameter limits can be found at the following link :

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/229_2020

Commercial re-sale of firewood requires a separate authorization. Please contact your local forest district for further details

Help Protect B.C.'s Forests

It is illegal to cut, damage or destroy Crown timber without prior authorization. Anyone caught doing so could be fined up to \$1 million, imprisoned for up to three years, or both.

If you see anyone involved in illegal harvesting activities, please report it.



REPORT A NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATION:

1 877 952-7277 toll-free

#7277 on a cellphone

www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm

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Kamloops, BC V2C 5Z5

Tel: (250) 371-6500

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687 Yellowhead Highway
Clearwater, BC V0E 1N2

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