



**FREE USE PERMIT  
FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMIT**

**VALID UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Harvesting on  
behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with Section 48(1)(b) of the *Forest Act*, this letter is a Free Use Permit which authorizes the harvesting and removal of firewood, for personal use only, within the Quesnel Forest District, subject to the following conditions:

1. Definition: **FIREWOOD** is round or split blocks of wood cut on site from deciduous or dead coniferous trees for heating and/or cooking purposes. Firewood ranges in lengths up to 1.2 metres (m). The cutting or manufacturing of ties or any other forest products other than firewood is prohibited. No timber acquired under this permit may be sold.
2. Only deciduous or dead coniferous trees may be cut.
3. Stump height shall be as low as practical, and in no case higher than 30 centimetres (cm).
4. Tops and branches must be lopped and scattered so as to lie as flat as possible to the ground.
5. The maximum volume to be cut under this specific authorization is 10 cords (or 30 cubic metres) per annum. (*A cord is four feet by four feet by eight feet*).
6. Timber must be cut on vacant Crown land only. Onus is on person(s) cutting firewood to ensure they are on vacant Crown land which is not subject to any harvesting agreements. Cutting of firewood on **WOODLOTS and Community Forest Agreements requires the written permission of the WOODLOT or Community Forest Agreement holder.**
7. **This permit does not authorize firewood cutting on private land.**
8. Firewood may be cut from debris piles on active logging operations only with the

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8. The harvester shall limit the use of equipment under this authority to pickup trucks, cars, utility trailers, and power saws. The use of skidders, loaders, tractors, logging trucks, and Alaskan-type sawmills is prohibited under this authority.
9. This authority may be cancelled at any time for violation of conditions or requirements contained herein.
10. A signed copy of this letter must be in the possession of the person or persons representing the above while the cutting and/or transporting of firewood is in progress and is to be presented to the forest officer upon request.
11. Do not cut any:
  - a) trees marked by the Ministry of Environment for the preservation of wildlife, or trees with obvious signs of use from wildlife (nests);
  - b) dead Douglas fir trees over 60 cm in diameter;
  - c) trees within twenty (20) m of a stream, lake or wetland;
  - d) any trees within a forest companies flagged harvest boundaries. The flagging is typically orange in colour and may be labelled block boundary; or
  - e) trees within recreation sites, parks, recreation trails and public campsites.
12. The harvester agrees to indemnify the Crown against and save it harmless from all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result, directly or indirectly, or any act or omission of:
  - (a) the harvester; or
  - (b) any other person who on behalf of, or with the consent of, the harvester engages in any activity under or associated with this Free Use Permit.
13. All personal items including litter must be removed when the permittee leaves the site.

For acquiring firewood permits in the future, for your convenience this permit is now available to print from our website at [www.for.gov.bc.ca/dqu/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dqu/).

Authorized by,



Ian Hannah, R.P.F.  
District Manager  
Quesnel Natural Resource District

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Permittee