



Rocky Mountain Natural Resource  
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### **FREE USE PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD**

Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Geographic Location of Firewood Cutting: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit does not authorize cutting of firewood from private lands.

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Forest Act* authority is hereby granted to cut up to 25 cubic metres (7 cords) of firewood on vacant Crown Land in the Rocky Mountain Forest District only, subject to the following conditions:

1. Firewood cut under this permit is for the Permittee's own use; and shall not be sold.
2. This permit must be carried at all times while cutting or transporting firewood – permit is not transferable.
3. Firewood cutting is **PROHIBITED** on research trial areas, recreation areas and campsites. Firewood cutting is **not permitted** on Woodlots, active logging areas or decked timber that is marked for removal, unless approved by the tenure holder. Standing leave trees within older cutblocks must not be cut if there is a risk of damage to the adjacent plantation. The onus is on the permittee to ensure cutting takes place on vacant Crown land.
4. The Permittee must not use any logging equipment, except power saws, for operations under this permit.
5. **Only dead trees may be cut** (standing or down). Trees with broken tops or freshly blown down trees are not to be cut if they have green needles. Larch trees lose their needles in the fall and extra care should be taken to avoid cutting live trees.
6. Wildlife Protection: Do not cut or remove any trees greater than 60 cm (about 2 feet) in diameter or showing signs of wildlife use (i.e. cavities, nests). Trees posted with a "Wildlife Tree" sign are reserved from cutting. It is an offence under the *Wildlife Act* to destroy any active bird nest.
7. Timber may not be cut within 50 meters of any stream.
8. No timber shall be left leaning, hanging, or in any condition that jeopardizes the safety of others. All branches shall be cut off the trees felled, and the branches scattered. Debris must be cleared from roads and ditches.
9. The Permittee assumes all risk of loss or injury and will indemnify and save harmless the Crown from all claims, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result directly or indirectly of the activities carried out in connection with this permit.
10. All firewood must be cut into stove lengths before transport. **Lengths must not exceed 1.2 metres (47 inches) except cedar, which must not exceed 0.6 metres (23.6 inches).**
11. The Permittee is hereby exempt from the scaling requirements of Section 94(5) and the timber marking requirements of Section 84(5) of the *Forest Act*, for firewood.
12. The Permittee must comply with requirements of all legislation applicable to activities or operations associated with this permit.

**Permit is not valid until signed by the Permittee and expires one (1) year from the date of issue.**

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Permittee

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District Manager Signature