



FREE USE PERMIT (FOR FIREWOOD)

AUTHORIZATION TO CUT FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL USE

Harvesting firewood from Crown land without a cutting authority is unlawful. It is also important that firewood cutting not take place on plantations, research areas, recreation sites, recreation trails and in cut blocks being logged, or on private land without the landowner's permission.

Pursuant to Section 48(1)(b) of the *Forest Act*, within the Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District you may cut and transport up to fifty cubic metres (50 m³) for your own personal use, subject to the following conditions:

- You must ensure that you are not cutting on private property (unless you have the landowner's permission). You may cut trees for firewood only on vacant Crown land.
- You may cut only dead timber, whether it is standing (snag) or down (blow-down).
- Cutting live trees, trees showing obvious signs of use by wildlife, trees greater than 60 cm in diameter (large diameter standing dead Douglas-fir are particularly important wildlife trees) or removing decked logs (such as those processed by a logging operation) is strictly prohibited.
- You must have appropriate fire fighting tools with you when cutting.
- Stumps should be cut as low as possible, and must not exceed thirty centimetres (30 cm) in height.
- All branches must be scattered to reduce fire hazards, and no debris shall be left on roads or in roadside ditches.
- All firewood must be bucked into lengths of **less than** one metre (1 m) before you transport 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 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 certainly encouraged to put safety process in place to ensure the travelling public are not put in danger.

In an effort to stop unauthorized cutting of trees, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development 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.

This permit expires March 31, 2022

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