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OKANAGAN SHUSWAP NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT - FIREWOOD FREE USE PERMIT

(Issued under authority of Section 48(1)(b) of the FOREST ACT.)

FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL DOMESTIC PURPOSES ONLY

PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME INCLUDING MIDDLE NAME(S) PHONE # _____

PLEASE PRINT FULL MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL CODE

With award of this personal use firewood permit, the undersigned agrees to comply with the following conditions:

1. Only dead standing, or dead and down trees with no green foliage may be used for firewood. All live coniferous and deciduous trees and decked timber are reserved from cutting. All firewood cut shall not exceed fifty-six (56) centimetres (22 inches) in length. This is to ensure that millable timber is not being removed under this permit. **No cutting or removal of Larch or Cedar (dead or alive) is authorized under this permit.**
2. All trees shall be utilized to a top diameter often (10) cm, with stumps not exceeding thirty (30) centimetres (1 foot) from the ground.
3. Only hand tools (power chainsaw, saw, axe) and a pickup truck will be used.
4. Motorized vehicles may not be used to skid timber.
5. The permittee will ensure that any chainsaw used is equipped with a muffler in good repair and that appropriate fire fighting tools are available at the site, being a minimum of 0.225 kg fire extinguishing chemical and a round nose shovel.
6. All branches shall be lopped from the felled trees and the branches shall be scattered to be elevated no more than thirty (30) cm from the ground. All debris shall be cleared from roads, ditches, and culvert entrances.
7. This permit does not authorize the cutting of firewood from private lands or lands covered by a tenure issued by the Province of British Columbia.
8. Trees marked or signed as "wildlife trees" or other reserved trees must not be cut. These trees are needed now or in the future for wildlife food and shelter. In addition, trees greater than forty (40) centimetres in diameter (Diameter at Breast Height) are **RESERVED FROM CUTTING** for wildlife protection. Care will be given not to remove any trees showing obvious signs of wildlife use (i.e. cavities, nests, foraging marks, etc.).
9. The permittee assumes all risk of loss or injury and will indemnify and save harmless the Crown of and from all activities carried out in connection with this Permit.
10. Firewood cutting shall not take place on cut blocks which have active logging operations (i.e. log decks).
11. Falling of timber shall be directed away from lakes and streams. No cutting is authorized within fifty (50) metres of any lake or stream.
12. Some roads have active logging operations seven (7) days a week. The Permittee shall watch for industrial traffic and adhere to road signs.
13. This Permit does **NOT** allow for the sale or barter of firewood to others.
14. Where firewood trees may fall onto the road, appropriate safety precautions must be taken so that other users of the road are not endangered.
15. The permittee acknowledges that he does not have ready access to timber, for the purposes of firewood, on land that he owns or occupies.

THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY ONCE IT IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PERMITTEE.

VALID FOR 10 CORDS. (Note: A stacked cord measures 2.4 metre x 1.2 metre x 1.2 metre — 3.5 m3)

This permit is subject to the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Forest Act and the accompanying regulations. The permittee must carry the permit at all times, while cutting or transporting firewood, and must produce the request of a Forest Officer/Official, Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer.

SIGNATURE OF PERMITTEE

DATE OF ISSUANCE



RAY CRAMPTON, DISTRICT MANAGER
OKANAGAN SHUSWAP NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

Okanagan Shuswap Timber Supply Area

Firewood Permit

Cutting Firewood for Personal use in the Okanagan Shuswap Timber Supply Area

The Okanagan Timber Supply Area is comprised of the Penticton, Salmon Arm and Vernon Forest Areas.

To make fuel wood available for persons who go out to gather firewood in the preparation for winter, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations issues Firewood Free Use Permits to members of the public for personal use. There is no charge for this privilege, only a commitment to abide by a number of simple rules.

In the Okanagan Shuswap Timber Supply Area, cutting firewood is restricted to standing dead and/or dead and down material on Crown land. By authority of the Forest Act, members of the public are permitted to cut firewood on vacant crown land for personal use under a Free Use Permit.

Each applicant must read and understand the permit conditions prior to signing it. This permit is subject to the Forest and Range Practices Act and its accompanying regulations. The Permittee must carry the Permit at all times and must produce the permit at the request of a Forest Officer, Conservation Officer, or a Peace Officer. The penalties for failing to produce the permit or for not adhering to the permit conditions could include a \$173.00 fine and/or seizure of the wood. Removing wood from a deck of logs at a log landing site is illegal and may result in charges of theft under the Criminal Code of Canada.

There are also a couple of important points to remember. Soon after the first frosts, the needles of the Western Larch turn yellow and begin to fall. This is characteristic of that species of tree and is not an indication that the tree is dead. Larch is reserved from cutting.

Everyone should also be aware that dry conditions can exist in the forest throughout the spring, summer or fall and care should be taken to prevent an uncontrolled fire. Permittees should recognize their responsibilities in regard to the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulations which can be viewed here: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/>

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