



Council Policy Manual

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL POLICY	
DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION POLICY	Policy No:
	Adopted by Council: 17 Mar 2011
	Next review date:
Senior Manager:	General Manager Infrastructure, Development and Works
Responsible Officer:	Planning and Regulatory Services Manager
Functional Area:	Customer Service
Introduction & Background	The West Wimmera Shire will allow the safe collection of fire wood from roads sides under its control (local Roads) for private (heating and cooking purposes) use only.
Purpose & Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through the allocation of permits, allow residents access to fallen timber on roadsides for personal heating and cooking uses. 2. To reduce the fire hazard fuel loading on its road sides. 3. Ensure that trees (live or dead) are not unnecessarily cut down/fallen for fire wood. 4. Provide safe but effective controls on fire wood collection which does not impede on the use of the roadway by road users. 5. To maintain sustainable control over the quantity of wood collected from its roadsides. 6. Ensure that the collector meets their Occupational Health & Safety obligations and that of the travelling public.
Definitions	Resident: Person or Persons with proof of residency within West Wimmera Shire Council
Policy Details	
1.	Responsibilities of Applicant It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they comply with all permit conditions.



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2.	<p>Permit Conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No fire wood is to be collected for 'commercial purposes' from 'Local Roads' within West Wimmera Shire municipal district. 2) No standing trees (dead or alive) are cut down and removed. 3) That Shire residents be limited to three cubic metres per permit and a maximum of three permits per calendar year per household. 4) That non-residents are not eligible. 5) The permit is applicable to local council roads only under its control and shall name the roads that the timber is to be collected from. 6) During the 'fire restriction period' the permit holder shall also have on hand a water fire extinguisher/knapsack. 7) No fire wood is to be collected on days of Total Fire Ban. 8) The collection vehicle/trailer or combination thereof shall be parked in such a way as not to impede the flow of traffic. 9) All loads to be made secure prior to leaving the collection area. 10) This permit is not valid on any road under the control of VicRoads and includes any 'A', 'B' & 'C' class road. 11) This permit is not valid on any road under the control of Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria who control bush land reserves and National/State Parks. 12) That no collection occur on that part of the Dergholm – Powers Creek Rd where signs indicate "Vegetation Offset Area"
3.	<p>Victorian Police</p> <p>Council will refer any permit holder suspected of breaking permit conditions to the Police.</p> <p>Council will refuse a permit to any resident at VicPol's request.</p>

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