



# Council Policy Manual

## WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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<b>DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION POLICY</b>	Policy No:
	Adopted by Council: 19 Jul 2017
	Next review date: Jul 2022
Senior Manager:	Director 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"> <li>1. Through the allocation of permits, allow residents access to fallen timber on roadsides for personal heating and cooking uses.</li> <li>2. To reduce the fire hazard fuel loading on its road sides.</li> <li>3. Ensure that trees (live or dead) are not unnecessarily cut down/fallen for fire wood.</li> <li>4. Provide safe but effective controls on fire wood collection which does not impede on the use of the roadway by road users.</li> <li>5. To maintain sustainable control over the quantity of wood collected from its roadsides.</li> <li>6. Ensure that the collector meets their Occupational Health &amp; Safety obligations and that of the travelling public.</li> </ol>
Definitions	Resident: Person or Persons with proof of residency within West Wimmera Shire Council
Policy Details	
1.	<b>Responsibilities of Applicant</b>  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"> <li>1) No fire wood is to be collected for 'commercial purposes' from 'Local Roads' within West Wimmera Shire municipal district.</li> <li>2) No standing trees (dead or alive) are cut down and removed.</li> <li>3) That Shire residents be limited to three cubic metres per permit and a maximum of three permits per calendar year per household.</li> <li>4) That <b>non-residents</b> are not eligible.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6) During the 'fire restriction period' the permit holder shall also have on hand a water fire extinguisher/knapsack.</li> <li>7) No fire wood is to be collected on days of Total Fire Ban.</li> <li>8) The collection vehicle/trailer or combination thereof shall be parked in such a way as not to impede the flow of traffic.</li> <li>9) All loads to be made secure prior to leaving the collection area.</li> <li>10) This permit is not valid on any road under the control of VicRoads and includes any 'A', 'B' &amp; 'C' class road.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>12) That no collection occur on that part of the Dergholm – Powers Creek Rd where signs indicate "Vegetation Offset Area"</li> </ol>
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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