

LOCAL LAW PERMIT APPLICATION FORM
AMENITY LOCAL LAW 2021 – NO. 2 Section 14

03/01/0012

**APPLICATION TO COLLECT FIREWOOD FROM COUNCIL
 MANAGED ROAD RESERVE**

Name of Applicant	
Contact Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email	
Vehicle/Trailer Rego:	
Permit Period Required	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 March to 30 June 2023, or <input type="checkbox"/> 1 September to 30 November 2023

Permit Required for the purpose of:

Collection of firewood from Council Managed Road Reserve.

Name of Road: _____

Applicants Declaration:

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the **conditions** and **notes** on this Permit, and I shall comply with all the conditions. I have been offered the opportunity to ask questions or clarify any part of this Permit application during this process.

I agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Council, its servants and agents (the Council), from all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses, penalties, demands and damages whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, in connection with the collection of firewood under this Permit.

Further, I agree to hold harmless the Council in connection with all claims resulting from damage, loss, death or injury whatsoever which may otherwise be brought or made or claimed by me against the Council, in connection with the collection of firewood under this Permit, except to the extent that the damage, loss, death or injury is a direct result of the Council's gross negligence.

Applicants Signature:

Date:

Office Use Only

Permit Number:

Conditions applicable to this permit are:

1. You must be a resident/ratepayer of Towong Shire Council to be eligible to collect firewood from Towong Shire Council managed road reserves.
2. Firewood collected as part of this Permit is to be used for domestic and private use only and is not to be sold for profit.
3. Only roads or sections of roads highlighted as having a "low-medium conservation value" and have been risk-assessed by Towong Shire Council will be able to be collected from.
4. No standing tree, dead or green, is permitted to be felled or lopped, and this Permit only relates to timber already fallen to the ground and excludes hollow logs on the ground.
5. Roads must not be obstructed during the process of the works, with all vehicles parked clear of the carriageway at all times.
6. The roadside must be left neat and tidy, with all tops of timber etc, neatly stacked in heaps.
7. All precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to the road, and in the event of damage, such damage shall be made good at the applicant's expense and to the satisfaction of Towong Shire Council.
8. Firewood collection must be conducted during daylight hours only.
9. Firewood collection must not be undertaken on days of Total Fire Ban – it is the responsibility of the Permit holder to check Fire Danger Ratings and work within recommended guidelines.
10. Children and minors should not be permitted in the collection area due to the high risk of the activity – if they are present, they must be supervised closely at all times by the applicant or other responsible adult on-site.
11. The use of heavy machinery such as log splitter, saw bench, tractor etc is strictly prohibited during firewood collection activities approved on this Permit.
12. The applicant should ensure that appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, chaps, hearing protection etc) is worn as needed, and only trained and competent people use chainsaws and other tools/equipment.
13. The applicant shall be liable for, and shall indemnify Council against all actions, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of any damage caused by the exercise of powers conferred by the granting of approval to this application.
14. The applicant does not need to pay a fee; however, permission will be removed in the event of any non-compliance with the above conditions.

Notes:

- Roadside vegetation provides important habitat to animals, insects and reptiles – local fauna requires hollows and fallen timber for shelter and homes – hollow logs must not be removed.
- Firewood collectors and residents are reminded to check with Council before collecting firewood from a council-managed roadside.
- Department of Transport and Planning (VicRoads) do not normally allow firewood collection on roads managed by them.
- State Forests – Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (Forest Fire Management Victoria) are responsible for designated fire collection areas within State Forests.
- National Parks – Parks Victoria does not allow firewood collection in National Parks.
- There are serious penalties for failing to follow firewood collection rules.
- Council's Public Liability Policy covers liabilities to third parties; however, it does not cover the liability of third parties (Permit holder and those accompanying that person) to Council or other third parties – for this reason, the Permit holder should hold public liability insurance that covers firewood collection.