FAQ’s

Where can I collect firewood?
From approved roadides and firewood depots located in Eldorado and Glenrowan

What roadsides can I collect firewood from?
On approved roadsides that generally have lower conservation values. Council’s customer service team will determine if firewood collection is permitted.

Do I need a permit for firewood collection?
Yes for collection at firewood depots and roadsides.

Are separate permits required for roadside collection & collection from firewood depots?
Yes a separate permit is issued for firewood depots and roadside collections.

Where can I purchase a firewood permit?
Domestic firewood permits (for roadside collection) and firewood depot permits can be both purchased at the Wangaratta Government Centre. Firewood Depot permits can also be purchased at the Eldorado and Glenrowan Post Office’s. For further information refer to the Permit Guidelines section of this brochure.

Resources

For further information on roadsides visit the Wangaratta Government Centre to receive a FREE DVD of “Keeping Roadside Secrets Safe”

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For further information, or purchasing timber off cuts from local businesses, please visit Council’s website.

Alternatively contact the Rural City of Wangaratta on:

Phone: (03) 5722 0888
TTY Phone: (03) 5722 0800 (for hearing impaired)

62-68 Ovens Street
PO Box 238
Wangaratta Vic 3676

Website: www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Remember Animals Need Homes Too!

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Council Firewood Depots

Council firewood depots aim to give the community the opportunity to access sustainable firewood. Firewood depots reduce the need to remove timber from roadsides. Council Firewood Depots are located at Glenrowan and Eldorado. Timber is supplied to depots from a combination of storm events and routine works by Council's Arboriculture Team, resulting in timber not always being available and of mixed species. Timber at firewood depots is usually green therefore cannot be relied upon for burning the season of collection. A chainsaw will be required to collect timber.

Locations & Permits

Glenrowan: Rifle Range Road, Glenrowan. Located next to the Glenrowan Rifle Range Club. Permits can be purchased at the Glenrowan Post Office or at the Wangaratta Government Centre.

Eldorado: Between Main Street and Tresize Street. Enter from Main Street approximately 200m North East of Tresize Street. Permits can be purchased at the Eldorado Post Office or at the Wangaratta Government Centre.

For location maps please visit Council's website or request a location map when receiving your firewood permit.

Why sustainable timber?

Native vegetation provides important habitat to animals such as parrots, kookaburras, owls, possums, gliders, bats, and geckos. A number of threatened species are residents in high conservation road reserves, in particular within hollows and fallen timber. These animals have been badly effected by the removal of timber from their habitat. Examples of endangered species include: the Swift Parrot, Grey-Crowned Babbler, Squirrel Glider, Regent Honeyeater, Brush Tailed Phascogale and the Barking Owl (pictured above). Fallen timber not only provides habitat for larger animals but it also provides a food source for smaller creatures. Older logs decompose and become a food source for small bugs such as the Stag Beetle. Stag Beetles and other insects survive by eating dead wood and fungi. This helps break down wood and fertilise the soil. When trees and fallen timber are removed from roadsides animal habitats are removed also. Choose alternative timber resources like firewood depots, or firewood plantations.

Collecting on Roadsides

Collection of firewood is restricted to approved roadsides only, to ensure habitat conservation. Firewood collection is not permitted on high conservation roadsides. To determine if firewood collection is permitted on a roadside, contact Council's customer service team on (03) 5722 0888.

Permit Guidelines?

There are two types of firewood permits available:

Domestic Firewood Permit: for the collection on roadsides.

Firewood Depot Permit: for the collection at firewood Depots only.

Standard conditions and fees apply for both. Collection of firewood is restricted to guidelines stated on firewood permit.

Safety Tips

- Wear protective clothing such as chainsaw chaps, boots, hardhat and safety glasses
- Always carry the chainsaw by the handlebar and use the protective chain cover
- Keep children, animals and bystanders well away from chainsaw
- Never cut multiple limbs at once
- Always engage the chain brake when you are not cutting
- Do not work alone.

Burning Timber

- Never burn green timber
- Only use dry wood; wet wood emits more smoke
- Use smaller kindling to create a hot fire quickly
- Open air vents within the heater
- Don't overfill the heater; allow air to circulate between logs
- Don't turn the air down until it has established red coals otherwise smoking will occur
- Don't let the heater smoulder overnight, keep air flow open enough to maintain a small flame.