

More Information:



Rural City of Wangaratta website has information about firewood collection, roadside conservation and establishing woodlots.

Scan or visit wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Forest Fire Management for information on firewood collection in state forests

ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region

Conservation Regulator for information and tips for buying firewood

vic.gov.au/collecting-firewood

Parks Victoria for information about firewood collection in National Parks

parks.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/using-firewood

Firewood Plantations

Noble, P (2011). Growing Firewood on Farms: A Practical Guide. Produced by Department of Primary Industries, Wangaratta

The Greta Valley Landcare group have an informative guide to creating woodlots
gretalandcare.org.au/practical-guides/



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands, on which the Rural City of Wangaratta communities reside. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures. We are committed to walking beside all traditional owners as we move toward reconciliation.

Wildlife images by Chris Tzaros:
Carpet Python, Grey Crowned Babbler
and Eastern Bearded Dragon.



Rural City of Wangaratta
62-68 Ovens Street
Wangaratta VIC 3677
council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au
wangaratta.vic.gov.au

A Guide to Firewood





Fallen branches and logs provide vital habitat for native fauna like frogs, lizards, birds and mammals. Decomposing wood sustains wildlife, enriches soil, and prevents erosion.

Many threatened species, including the Carpet Python and Brush-tailed Phascogale, rely on fallen timber and tree hollows. Unsustainable firewood collection reduces this habitat and endangers wildlife. Choosing sustainable firewood can help to protect our ecosystems.

Where You Can Collect Firewood

Rural City of Wangaratta Firewood Depots

Local residents can buy a permit to collect firewood from council depots when available. Wood is salvaged from works, storms, and plantations, often green and needing drying. Logs require a chainsaw for cutting. Supply isn't guaranteed, so check before purchasing. Permit fees support wood supply and delivery.

Where are the Depots?

Eldorado Firewood Depot - between Main St and Trezise St, Eldorado.

Glenrowan Firewood Depot - Park Road (off Rifle Range Road), Glenrowan.

When are the Depots Open?

Depots are open outside of the fire danger period which varies year to year but is usually from October to May.

Where Can I Purchase a Permit?

- Council customer service desk, Wangaratta Government Centre.
- Glenrowan Post Office.

Check the Council website for updates.

Designated Collection Areas In State Forests

Firewood collection is allowed in designated state forest areas in autumn and spring, with rules on where, when, and how much can be taken. Managed by Forest Fire Management Victoria and regulated by the Conservation Regulator. Visit the Forest Fire Management Victoria website for more information.

Collection from Private Property

Native vegetation is protected by law and a planning permit is required for the felling or removal of live or dead standing native trees. Permission from the landholder is required to remove fallen timber.

Where You Can't Collect Firewood

Collection of firewood from reserves and roadsides managed by Council, Regional Roads Victoria and Parks Victoria is not allowed due to liability, legislative and environmental risks and penalties do apply for illegal collection.

Burning Wood

In addition to polluting the air, smoke from firewood can also be harmful to our health. Using and maintaining wood heaters correctly can reduce wood smoke pollution.

Reduce pollution by:

- Storing wood dry and undercover.
- Using seasoned wood with less than 20% moisture (a meter helps check).
- Cleaning your flue to prevent soot buildup and fires.
- Starting fires with kindling, then adding larger wood.
- Avoiding overloading or restricting airflow.

How You Can Help

- Leave hollow or moss-covered logs as they shelter wildlife.
- If possible, grow a woodlot for firewood.
- Consider switching to energy-efficient heating.
- Buy firewood from reputable sellers who follow sustainability practices.
- Report illegal firewood collection to the Conservation Regulator (136 186) or Council (5722 0888).

