



## Fact Sheet 2

### Harvesting firewood for personal use

This fact sheet provides information on harvesting firewood for personal use in Yukon. If you require further information, please contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office or the Forest Management Branch.

#### Can I harvest firewood to heat my home?

Yes. The Forest Management Branch issues free permits allowing you to harvest up to 25 m<sup>3</sup> (11 cords) per year for personal use fuelwood (firewood). These permits are for people who want to cut firewood for their own (non-commercial) use, such as for heating their home.

#### How do I get a personal use fuelwood permit?

You can apply for your permit online at [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca) or at your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office. You will typically receive your personal use permit at the time of application.

The permit will include all conditions you must meet including the approved location for harvesting.

#### Where can I cut my firewood this year?

Your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections representative can help you find a suitable area to harvest. Alternately, you may request to harvest on vacant public land, although its suitability must be approved by a natural resource officer. Maps of designated personal use harvest areas are available at [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca).

As part of your permit, you will receive a map indicating the permitted harvest area. Harvesting within the permitted area is one of the conditions of your permit and there may be timing restrictions on harvesting. It is your responsibility to understand the conditions of your permit.

Remember to carry your permit with you when cutting and transporting wood in Yukon.

#### Government of Yukon [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca)

##### Energy Mines and Resources

##### Forest Management Branch

Mile 918 Alaska Highway  
Ph: (867) 456-3999  
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408 local 3999  
Email: [forestry@yukon.ca](mailto:forestry@yukon.ca)

##### Land Management Branch Land Use

Ph: (867) 667-5215  
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408 local 5215  
• Land Use Permits

##### Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections

Dawson  
Ph: (867) 993-5468  
Haines Junction  
Ph: (867) 634-2256

##### Mayo

Ph: (867) 996-2343

##### Carmacks

Ph: (867) 863-5271

##### Whitehorse

Ph: (867) 456-3877

##### Teslin

Ph: (867) 390-2531

##### Watson Lake

Ph: (867) 536-7335

##### Ross River

Ph: (867) 969-2243

## Can I cut firewood within my municipality?

Some municipalities allow harvesting within their limits. You will still require a permit and can only cut within designated areas. Please contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office to ask about potential locations. You may also be subject to additional bylaws, regulations and responsibilities, depending on the municipality.

## Can I cut in more than one location?

You may be permitted to cut in more than one area at a time, but the maximum volume you can harvest in one year, with a free personal use fuelwood permit is 25 m<sup>3</sup> (11 cords).

## If I need more than 25 m<sup>3</sup> this year, what can I do?

If you require more than 25 m<sup>3</sup> (11 cords) this year, you may speak to a Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections representative about your options. You will require an additional permit, and will need to pay stumpage and fees on the amount of firewood you harvest that is greater than 25 m<sup>3</sup> per year. Fees are only waived for the first 25 m<sup>3</sup> of a personal use permit.

## Can I sell the firewood I cut with this permit?

No, the forest resources permit for personal use fuelwood can not be used for commercial purposes. If you want to start a business selling firewood, contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office about applying for a licence. See Fact Sheet 1: Harvesting firewood and timber for commercial sales, for more information.

## What will happen if I don't have a permit or I am harvesting where I am not authorized to?

Harvesting firewood in areas that you are not authorized, or harvesting without a permit can result in fines, confiscation of the wood, and possibly other charges being laid, depending on the offence.

### A note on compliance and enforcement in Yukon forests

Compliance and enforcement are a significant part of managing Yukon forests for their long-term health and to ensure that we can continue to realize the many benefits forests provide. As a forest user, it is your responsibility to ensure you are complying with applicable laws, regulations and any terms and conditions outlined in licences and permits. For more information about your responsibilities and possible penalties for non-compliance, read Fact Sheet 5, contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office, or the Forest Management Branch.

**Community Services**  
Corporate Affairs  
Ph: (867) 667-5314  
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408  
local 5314

- Business Registration

**Highways and Public Works**  
Transportation  
Maintenance Branch  
Ph: (867) 667-5644  
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408  
local 5644

- Access Permits

### Other Agencies

**Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board**  
Ph: (867) 667-5645  
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0443

**Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board**  
Ph: (867) 668-6420  
Toll-free: 1-866-322-4040

**City of Whitehorse**  
Ph: (867) 668-8346  
• Harvesting Fuelwood  
• Business Licence