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# Welcome to the Forest

This guide is presented for your use when gathering firewood in State forest or Timber reserves under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Land Management. Wood gathering is prohibited in National Parks, Nature Reserves or areas of State forest declared disease risk areas (quarantined for dieback).

Uncontrolled gathering of firewood can seriously damage the forest environment so precautions are necessary. If these conditions are observed we can keep the forests intact for ourselves and future generations.

## **Conditions for Collecting Firewood.**

You may collect up to half a tonne of wood lying on the ground for your own use, but not for sale. Wood cannot be sold except by licenced firewood operators. If you require more than half a tonne you must obtain a license from the District Offices at Mundaring, Jarrahdale, Wanneroo or Dwellingup. Please do not cut down standing trees. It is dangerous and can damage vegetation. Likewise keep your vehicle on formed roads and tracks and use a wheel barrow to bring out the wood. Pushing tracks through the forest

with your vehicle may spread dieback disease and will damage vegetation.

Firewood areas have been set aside for public use at Wanneroo, Jarrahdale and Dwellingup Districts. Maps showing the location of these areas are available with this brochure. Areas change as supplies are cut out so check the date on the map.

Some Shires have noise abatement regulations including prohibitions on use of chain-saws on Sunday. Compliance with these regulations is your responsibility.

## **Rubbish**

Please do not leave your rubbish in the forest. Take it home with you or place it in bins if they are provided. Heaps of rubbish are un-savoury for the next person and may pollute water supplies and poison native animals.

## **Fires**

Fires are a threat to forest areas and surrounding properties during our hot dry summer months. Use fireplaces provided by the Department. Don't light fires when Very High or Extreme fire danger is forecast and observe fire prohibition under Shire regulations. If in doubt check with the local District Office.

## **Firearms**

Firearms are not permitted in State forest or Timber reserves..

## **Wildflowers**

It is an offence to pick wildflowers.

## **Jarrah Dieback**

As you drive through the forest please take notice of signs prohibiting entry by vehicles into dieback disease risk areas and requirements for water catchment protection. Although some of these conditions may seem onerous our aim is to protect you from breaking the law and protect the forest from damage.

## **Post and Rails**

There are limited supplies of jarrah available for you to cut posts and rails. A licence is necessary from the local District Office and a charge will be made (check with the District Office). Where possible tree lengths will be hauled to the roadside where you can cut to required lengths.