

	<b>Collection of Firewood Policy</b> <i>Policy No. ENVPOL 01</i>	<b>Version No:</b>	4
		<b>Responsible Officer/s:</b>	Governance Officer
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## 1. Purpose

The District Council of Grant (**the Council**) supports the collection of firewood from Council roadsides for domestic use.

## 2. Scope

This policy specifically deals with the collection of firewood from Council roadsides in an endeavour to maintain environmental values and sustainability whilst maintaining safety and minimising risk to both Council and the community.

## 3. Definitions

**Firewood**                      Dead fallen timber to be used as fuel.

## 4. Policy

To collect firewood from certain Council roadsides applicants agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions as outlined below. This information is also available on Council's website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/firewoodcollection](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/firewoodcollection).

- No cutting down and/or removal of any standing tree or limb irrespective of whether it is living or dead. No hollow logs are permitted to be cut, removed, or tampered with in any way.
- No firewood collection is permitted during the fire danger season. Additionally, collection or cutting of fallen timber will not be permitted during any period which has been declared a Total Fire Ban.
- Council does not accept responsibility for any actions or claims resulting from this permit.
- Firewood collection is for personal use only and is not to be sold or given to any other persons.
- Firewood collected is only allowed on approved Council road reserves (a list of Council Roads and a list of Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Roads where wood collection is not permitted is outlined as Appendix A and Appendix B).
- Any other terms and conditions are outlined on Council's website.

## 5. Responsibilities

Pursuant to section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to assess and decide on applications made under this policy. The CEO has sub-delegated these powers and functions to the Works Manager, Governance Officer, Manager Organisational Development, Deputy CEO, Director Environmental Services and Customer Service Officers.



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## **6. References / Other Documents**

*Local Government Act 1999, Section 221:*

- (1) *A person (other than the Council or a person acting under some other statutory authority) must not make an alteration to a public road unless authorised to do so by the Council.*
- (2) *A person makes an alteration to a public road if the person:*
  - (e) *plants a tree or other vegetation on the road, interferes with vegetation on the road, or removes vegetation from the road.*

*Road Traffic Act 1961*

## **7. Review**

It is the responsibility of the Governance Officer to monitor the adequacy of this policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at a minimum, once within every four (4) year Council term (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
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