

TM66 Forest Product Permit – Conditions of Use

Woodlands Region

Tree Cutting

Tree Cutting Conditions that apply to all tree and timber cutting as outlined under the TM66 Forest Product Permit

Those wanting to obtain a Forest Product permit must

- Be over the age of 18
- Be a resident of Alberta
- Be in good standing with the Crown relating to timber, grazing and land use and not have any outstanding fines or dues

The permit authorizes the person named in it to harvest timber and shall state

- Legal description of the land where timber is being harvested
- The period of time during which the timber may be harvested
- The terms and conditions on which the permit is issued

- All harvesting operations are to be conducted in accordance with Alberta’s *Forests Act* and Timber Management Regulations.

NOTE: If you are random camping in the Forest Reserve, you do not require a firewood permit to cut firewood. If you are planning to take the firewood home then a permit is required.

Timber Management Regulation Clause that Applies to the TM66 Forest Product Permit	
67 (1)	On receipt of a non-refundable permit fee of \$5, the director may issue a Forest Products Tag in the TM 66 tag form to any person for the cutting and removal of up to the following quantities of primary timber products for use exclusively on land owned or controlled by that person or the spouse or adult interdependent partner or children of that person or jointly by 2 or more of any such persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 20 trees for transplanting, under 2.5 meters in height, b. 3 trees for use as Christmas trees, under 2.5 meters in height, or c. 5 cubic meters of roundwood timber.
(2)	The Forest Products Tag is effective for a period of 30 days from the date of issue and is exempt from the payment of timber dues.

NOTE: The forest products described above are for **personal use by the person authorized and not for resale or commercial use.**

General Conditions

- This approval authorizes the permit holder to remove wood/trees located within the Woodlands Region, on **vacant crown land only**. If you have any questions please contact the Region office at 780-778-7153.
- You must ensure that you are not in a restricted area before you start to cut or dig. If in doubt, move to another location.
- Keep your permit with you at all times while cutting and transporting. Fill in the back of the permit, after obtaining product
- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum.
- When cutting standing trees, ensure that the stump is cut level and no higher than 30cm, or 12” from the ground.

NOTE: Taking coniferous firewood/ timber out of the province of Alberta requires an export permit from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Specific Condition for Christmas Tree, Firewood, Transplant, and Post & Rails Activity

Christmas Tree

- The permit authorizes the holder to cut up to 3 Christmas trees no taller than 2.5 meters (8 feet).
- A good place to harvest Christmas trees is adjacent to road right of ways and within powerline/pipeline right of ways.

Firewood

- The permit authorizes up to 5 cubic meters (2.5 cords) of wood to be taken.
- Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut unless otherwise specified. To get approval for cutting standing live trees contact the Woodlands Region office at 1-780-778-7153.
- Tree is to be used down to a 5cm, or 2” top. (If you are going to cut a tree down, take as much of the tree as possible).

- Woody debris left from cutting firewood should have the tops cut off and branches scattered.
- Do not remove wood from log decks (all decks belong either to a logging company, or is salvage belonging to an oil & gas company).

Transplants

- The permit authorizes the holder to take 20 trees and/or shrubs no taller than 2.5 meters (8 feet).
- No mechanical diggers are allowed.
- Fill in the holes left from the removal of transplants as best you can.

Post and Rail

- Contact the Woodlands Region office at 1-780-778-7153 for post and rail enquiries.

Restrictions

Do not remove trees or wood from:

- Reclaimed sites, for example - areas around man placed rocks, large grassy areas that do not appear natural (Reclaimed sand and gravel sites).
- Very steep slopes where the trees or wood debris is helping to keep the soil in place.
- Previously harvested sites that have been reforested.
- Facilities such as staging areas, viewpoints, cabins etc.
- Within one kilometer of recreation areas, campgrounds, Provincial Parks, and natural areas.
- Areas that have blue paint on the trees as this indicates a permanent sample plot.

Penalties for Non-compliance

- Failure to abide by these conditions may result in a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 on the first offence and not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 for any subsequent offence, plus the seizure of the wood product.

Useful Reminders

- Be prepared for cold weather and snow conditions
- Always let someone know where you are going and the time you are expecting to return home.
- Take extra winter clothing and emergency supplies (blankets, food and water, candles, etc).
- Road conditions are variable, a 4x4 vehicle is recommended.
- Log haul takes place on many of our backroads so watch for trucks and obey the signs.