





# TM66 Forest Product Permit – Conditions of Use

## Calgary Forest Area

### 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:

- 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 "1.39 cords" 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

- When taking primary forest products from public land, you must carry your permit with you at all times when harvesting and transporting forest products, and comply with the conditions specified on the permit. You must fill out the back of the permit when hauling forest products.
- Cutting of green standing trees for firewood is strictly prohibited. Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut for firewood unless otherwise specified (except for birch which may be taken green).
- No debris from logging shall be left on road right-of-ways or in ditches.
- Keep all damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum.
- Drive vehicles on designated 4X4 trails and highlighted roads as per map. You can walk as far as you like to cut or dig, as long as you don't walk into a restricted area.

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

### Conditions for Christmas Tree, Firewood, Transplant, and Post & Rails Activity

#### Christmas Tree

Requests for specific areas of Christmas trees should be referred to Agriculture and Forestry offices or website.

- The permit authorizes the holder to cut up to 3 Christmas Trees no taller than 2.5 meters. Special requests may be made for trees taller than 2.5 m & must be made in person at Agriculture and Forestry offices & will be considered case by case.
- Cutting activities are not to interfere with general roadway traffic.
- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry recommends the public to cut trees off right-of-ways. "Roads, powerlines, and pipelines"
- All trees you fell must be removed. All trees harvested must be used.
- Refrain from removing any trees with a stem diameter larger than 15 centimeters
- Stump heights are not to exceed 30 centimeters.
- Topping of larger trees is not permitted.
- Removing trees from reforested cutblocks is not permitted.

#### Firewood

- The permit authorizes the holder to cut up to 5 cubic meters "1.38 cords" of roundwood timber
- Firewood can be removed from along all public roadways and designated 4X4 trails in the Forest reserve.
- No removal of forest products from harvest area where active logging operations are occurring.
- Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut unless otherwise specified (except for birch which may be taken green).
- When cutting down standing trees, ensure that the stump is cut level and no higher than 30 centimeters from the ground.
- Tree is to be used down to a 4 centimeter top. (i.e. if you cut a tree down, take as much of the tree as possible).
- All unused tops and limbs must be scattered and must lie flat on the ground.
- No mechanical equipment "ie: quads, skid steer, bob cat, skidder, loader, feller bunchers, backhoe, and trucks" or horses allowed for skidding trees to road side.
- Do not remove wood from log decks (all decks belong either to a logging company, or is salvage belonging to an oil and gas company).

#### Transplants, and Willow Cutting

- The permit authorizes the holder to dig up to 20 trees under 2.5 meters in height for transplanting
- Species: Aspen, Poplar, Spruce, Fir and Lodgepole Pine. ( **No 5 needle pine - whitebark and limber pine**)
- Transplants can be removed from along all public roadways, trails, and power lines in the Forest reserve.
- Maximum tree height allowed is 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

- Removed from designated areas only see map for locations.
- Stumps not higher than 30 centimeters and cut level.
- Woody debris left from the cutting should have tops removed and all branches scattered (lopped and scattered).
- Utilize as much of the tree as possible. Your desired diameter should be taken from the base of the tree rather than midway up the tree.
- Post and Rails - Maximum harvest of 65 poles.

#### 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 are preventing erosion, previously harvested sites that have been reforested etc.
- Facilities, such as Ranger Stations, Viewpoints, Turnouts etc.
- Recreation areas, Campgrounds, Provincial Parks, Natural Area or Private Land.
- No removal of forest products from harvest area where active logging operations are occurring.
- Jumping Pound Demonstration Forest Area.
- No removal of forest products from watercourse channels or bed and shore areas (rivers and creek)
- Five Needle Pine "whitebark and limber pine" are both listed as endangered under the Alberta Wildlife Act. These trees are not to be removed or damaged. whitebark and limber pine can be identified by examining the needles. Both species have needles in clusters of five and are easily distinguished from lodgepole pine, which have needles in clusters of two.

#### Useful Reminders

- Be prepared for cold weather and snow conditions
- Road conditions are variable, a 4x4 vehicle is recommended.
- 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).
- All garbage must be removed around the cutting area.