

MEDIA RELEASE

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DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION

As winter draws closer and the weather becomes cooler, Council reminds residents about the rules of collection firewood in the Local Government Area.

Removing firewood from all Crown Land, in particular the Flora and Fauna Reserve is prohibited. The NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage does allow collection of firewood from allocated national parks and state forests in the Riverina.

Roadside firewood collection is also not permitted unless the resident has met the specific requirements of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), including necessary traffic control for the designated area with all Road and Traffic safety measures taken. An Environmental Risk Assessment is also required before any permit is issued.

There are four different types of public lands in the Riverina with firewood collection policies. Each area is managed by a different agency and requires a specific permit that only allows firewood collection under certain conditions. Currently there are no permits provided for Travelling Stock Routes. These areas include:

National and Regional Parks – National Parks and Wildlife Services Griffith 02 6966 8100

State Parks - Dubbo Forestry Corporation office on 02 6841 4200

Roads and Maritime Services – 13 22 13

Travelling Stock Routes – (No permits provided) Riverina Local Land Services, Wagga Wagga on 1300 795 299 or Murray Local Land Services, Deniliquin on 1300 795 299

Each area requires residents to apply for a permit and carry the permit while collecting and transporting the firewood. Tree-felling is prohibited and you may not collect firewood for sale or commercial use.

Please remember – Narrandera Shire Council does not provide any form of permits for firewood collection.

The firewood season is currently open and will close 30 September 2018. For further information please contact National Parks and Wildlife Services Griffith on 02 6966 8100.

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