

# Firewood

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) regulates the collection of firewood sourced from native timber. This helps to protect our forests, woodlands and wildlife, and aims to ensure firewood supply is ecologically sustainable.

## Collecting firewood for use at home

You can collect firewood to use at home from nominated areas of State forest managed by DBCA. Firewood collected under these arrangements cannot be sold. As there is limited firewood supply closer to the metropolitan area, you need a permit to collect firewood in the Perth Hills. You do not need a permit to collect firewood in the South West. However, collecting firewood is only permitted in designated areas. More information is available at [dbca.wa.gov.au/firewood](https://dbca.wa.gov.au/firewood)

When collecting firewood from designated areas, only take timber already on the ground. Felling or removing live or dead standing trees or tree branches from public land is illegal. It can cause significant environmental damage and removes important habitat for native animals.

## Buying lawfully sourced firewood

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) issues production contracts for the harvest and supply of flora taken as firewood from State forest. For a detailed list of authorised firewood suppliers, go to [wa.gov.au](https://wa.gov.au) and search “find a timber or firewood supplier”. Firewood can also be purchased from an authorised person or business. To ensure you are buying legally sourced firewood, you can ask to see their licence or other authorisation. They should be able to provide you with details of where the firewood is from, verifying the firewood has been lawfully sourced.

## Selling firewood collected from private property

You must have a licence to sell, supply and store (for supply) firewood collected from private property, even if you are the landowner or have the landowner’s permission. If you wish to apply for a licence to supply flora lawfully taken from private or public land, please visit [dbca.wa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/flora](https://dbca.wa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/flora). You may need a native vegetation clearing permit or other approval to collect the firewood.

## More information

Unlawful taking or sale of firewood may result in enforcement actions by DBCA including penalties up to \$2,500. Any person or company convicted, faces penalties ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and up to 12 months imprisonment.

To help protect our environment, please report suspicious firewood activity to the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055. Information is treated confidentially, and you may remain anonymous.