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## BOOK NOW TO COLLECT FREE FIREWOOD

Following a successful trial to distribute free firewood in early October, Council is pleased to now invite Hepburn Shire residents and ratepayers to book a time to collect up to two cubic metres of roughly split firewood for free.

Residents can book online to secure a time slot to collect their allocation. Bookings must be made via <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/firewood/>.

The firewood has been collected through Council's clean-up efforts following the extreme storm event in June.

"We are keen to share this firewood for free with our community," said Mayor, Cr Lesley Hewitt.

"We have opened booking times for the next few weeks and will continue to open more sessions throughout November and December," said Cr Hewitt.

"Anyone who collected only part of their allocation during the October trial is welcome to book in another time to collect the rest of their allocation," she said.

Sessions will be held on:

- Mondays - Trentham Transfer Station
- Tuesdays - Creswick Transfer Station
- Wednesday - Daylesford Transfer Station.

Bookings are at five-minute intervals throughout the day starting from 8:30am.

"If you're unable to access the internet, we encourage you to ask family or friends to help, otherwise our Customer Experience Team can assist with a booking. They can be contacted on (03) 5348 2306," said Cr Hewitt.

Upon arrival at the transfer station to collect wood, participants must follow staff directions and follow COVID Safe practices. A driver's licence or rates notice will be required to prove residency status. Participants must remain in their vehicle while the wood is loaded.

Waste will not be accepted by the transfer stations on wood collection dates.

The firewood is split, but may need splitting again into smaller logs to fit some fireplaces.

Please remember that the firewood is green, and will need a year or more to dry out before it is suitable to use.

As timber continues to be processed, free firewood will continue to be offered to the community on a regular basis.

Council is also offering free firewood to community groups. If your group is interested in this opportunity please email Inga Hamilton on [ihamilton@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:ihamilton@hepburn.vic.gov.au) to register for the program.

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