



FIREWOOD ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA INC



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Firewood Association of Australia Certified Sustainable Firewood

All Australians enjoy the beauty and warmth of a wood fire. In some places wood fires are the only practical source of heating. However, as with so many of our natural resources, uncontrolled and indiscriminate use leads to unsustainable, declining supply and environmental degradation. Collecting firewood is one of humankind's oldest activities but it is important that it is done in a sustainable manner.

What is the voluntary certification scheme?

The national Code of Practice for Firewood Suppliers and the FAA voluntary certification scheme are joint government and industry initiatives. They aim to protect sensitive and remnant regional ecosystems that have been affected by firewood collection over the years. This program also aims to reduce smoke pollution and to guide consumer behaviour, within a positive and supportive industry development framework.

Firewood cutters, distributors and retail merchants who qualify as members of the FAA certification scheme must maintain standards that reflect the objective of each of the ten elements of the national Code of Practice. The Code elements include requirements for legal and environmentally responsible harvesting, moisture content control, accurate measurement, freedom from toxic contaminants, accurate product description and source information, and consumer advice.

What does the scheme involve?

The FAA Firewood Certification scheme aims to promote ecologically sustainable harvesting and use of firewood in Australia by progressively improving awareness, attitudes, behaviour and practices of both firewood consumers and commercial suppliers. The industry's future viability depends on maintaining access to sustainable firewood resources. The environmental benefits of the certification scheme will help the industry to establish its credentials with government regulators, the wider community, and potential firewood consumers. The scheme also includes requirements that will

reduce smoke emissions and ensure good commercial practice and fair trading.

The Firewood Association of Australia Inc. provides independent certification services for its members. These services include regular visits to the premises and operations of certified members, to monitor compliance with the standards set by the Code of Practice.

The scheme is actively supported by the Australian Government and many state departments.

Why purchase from an FAA member?

When you buy certified sustainable firewood from an FAA member you can be confident that the firewood has been collected legally and according to sustainable management principles to protect biodiversity and ecosystem processes. Buying certified sustainable firewood promotes the sustainable management of firewood resources and directly contributes to improved air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Your FAA member can provide you with information about the species and source of firewood supplied, as well as advice on the best type of wood for your needs. Wherever possible, your FAA member will supply you with seasoned firewood that has a moisture content of less than 25% (of dry weight). Where unseasoned wood is all that is available, you will be advised on how to store the wood and when it will be ready to burn. Please ask for the FAA brochures on moisture content and storage of firewood. Members of FAA use reliable measurement systems, so you will always get what you are paying for.

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Look for the distinctive FAA Certification Mark which is displayed by FAA members or call

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