

EXAMPLE

Firewood Contract

The following is an example contract that demonstrates some possible language to use in order to protect both the landowner and the firewood cutter. The Alcona Conservation District encourages all participants of the Ash Firewood Network to consider using some form of legal contract to ensure everyone's personal and property safety. Participants are encouraged to draw up their own contracts and seek their own legal advice regarding contracts. This is not intended to be a legally binding contract but should be considered a list of potential items to include in a contract. The Alcona Conservation District is not liable for any damages to either the landowner or wood cutter.

1. I the timber harvester acknowledge that I am liable for any and all personal injury inflicted while harvesting timber on said property.
2. I the timber harvester will take all possible precautions to limit any damage caused to residual trees not intended to be harvested.
3. I the timber harvester agree to harvest only those trees identified by the landowner as trees to cut. I acknowledge that any harvested trees that were not identified as trees to cut will be considered timber theft.
4. I the landowner Acknowledge that I have drawn this contract on my own accord and that I am comfortable with the boundaries and regulations this contract sets.
5. The landowner may want to consider any special features that they would like to protect from any harvesting related damage and word their contract appropriately
6. The landowner may wish to include provisions that outline restrictions on rutting, soil disturbance, stump heights and other aesthetic and environmental factors.

The goal of this contract should be to assure both parties that the cutter is responsible for his or her own health and safety and that any other precautions either party deems necessary are fully addressed and agreed upon prior to any harvesting.