

JUAN BAUTISTA
BALDES (VALDEZ)
LAND GRANT

Open Days:

September 12 and 13

September 19 and 20

October 3 and 4

October 17 and 18

November 7 and 8

November 14 and 15

November 21 and 22

November 28 and 29

For more information:

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COYOTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

YIP! YIP! YIP! COYOTE ROUNDUP

FIREWOOD BANK



PLEASE JOIN US

10:00AM TO 2PM

Coyote Elementary School

Hwy 96 County Road 212

Coyote, NM 87012

Disclaimer: For more information about the event, please email us at juanbautista@jbvlg.org.

This is a firewood bank that involves the use of equipment including hand tools, shovels, chainsaws, and activities such as log cutting, trimming, brush cleaning, and is not suitable if you cannot walk or stand for long periods or are not in good general health. You will be required to sign a hold harmless agreement to be able to participate in the activities.

Firewood Bank Rules of Operation

Operating Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on designated distribution days

Location: Coyote Elementary School, 3343 Hwy 96 Coyote, NM 87012

Contact: Juan Bautista Baldes (Valdez) Land Grant juanbautista@jbvlg.org

Location Manager: Diego Serrano, Coyote Elementary School Regional Firewood Bank Manager (on-site)

Communities Served by this bank include: Cañones, Youngsville, La Otra Banda, Rio Puerco, Chicoso, Rito de las Sillas, Coyote, Arroyo de Agua, Agua Sarca and Mesa de Poleo. Also including; Laguna Acres, Piedra Lumbre Estates, Laguna Jacquez and La Joya Subdivisions.



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The Firewood Bank provides firewood to qualifying local households for residential heating purposes. These rules are intended to ensure fair distribution, safe operations, and availability of firewood to households in need.

1. Eligibility

- Firewood is available to **local residents only** and is intended for **qualifying households**.
- Proof of residency and/or eligibility may be required before firewood is distributed.
- Firewood is intended for the household's own residential heating needs.
- Firewood may **not be resold, bartered, traded, or used for commercial purposes**.
- The Firewood Bank reserves the right to verify eligibility and deny distribution when an individual or household does not meet the program requirements.

2. Firewood Distribution Limits

- Each qualifying household may receive **one (1) cord of firewood**, subject to availability.
- If sufficient firewood remains available, the Firewood Bank may increase the distribution limit while supplies last.
- Distribution quantities are subject to available inventory and may change during the season.
- Households may be required to sign or complete a distribution record when receiving firewood.

Emergency Firewood

- If deemed necessary, during the month of **December**, each qualifying household may receive **one (1) additional emergency cord**, subject to availability; but may require self-cutting and loading.
- Emergency firewood is intended for households experiencing an immediate need for residential heating fuel.
- Emergency distributions are not guaranteed and will depend upon available inventory.
- The Firewood Bank may establish additional eligibility requirements for emergency distributions.

3. Distribution Days and Hours

- The Firewood Bank will be open for distribution on **designated days from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Distribution days may vary depending on staffing, weather, firewood availability, holidays, or other circumstances.
- Changes to operating hours or distribution days will be communicated through the Firewood Bank's normal public notification methods.
- Firewood will not be distributed outside designated operating hours unless specifically authorized by Firewood Bank staff.

4. Loading and Transportation

- Recipients are responsible for arranging transportation of their firewood unless delivery is specifically provided or approved by the Firewood Bank.
- Recipients must provide a vehicle or one-cord trailer capable of safely transporting the amount of firewood being collected.
- Loads must be secured and transported in accordance with applicable laws and safety requirements.
- Firewood Bank staff may refuse to load an unsafe vehicle or an improperly secured load.
- Recipients are responsible for unloading the firewood at their destination.

5. Self-Cutting and Self-Loading

- **Able-bodied individuals under the age of 67** may be permitted to cut and load their own firewood, subject to Firewood Bank approval and staff availability.
- Individuals choosing to cut their own firewood must **provide their own chainsaw and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)**.
- Anyone operating a chainsaw must follow all Firewood Bank safety instructions and applicable laws and regulations.
- Before cutting or loading wood, the individual must sign a **Hold Harmless/Release Agreement** approved by the Firewood Bank.
- Individuals operating a chainsaw must use appropriate protective equipment, including eye and hearing protection, sturdy footwear, gloves, and other PPE appropriate for chainsaw operations.
- Children and unauthorized individuals may not operate chainsaws or enter designated cutting areas.
- The Firewood Bank may prohibit self-cutting or self-loading at any time due to weather, site conditions, fire restrictions, equipment concerns, staffing, or other safety considerations.
- Firewood Bank staff may inspect equipment and may prohibit the use of equipment they determine to be unsafe.
- Individuals who do not follow safety requirements may be required to leave the cutting or loading area and may lose their eligibility for self-service activities.

6. Safety Requirements

- All recipients and visitors must follow instructions from Firewood Bank staff.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn while loading or handling firewood.
- Smoking or open flames are prohibited in designated areas where they could create a fire hazard.
- Pets must be controlled and must not interfere with Firewood Bank operations.
- Children must remain under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times.
- Individuals must remain in designated public and loading areas unless authorized by Firewood Bank staff.
- Unsafe conduct, fighting, threats, harassment, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

7. Firewood Quality and Availability

- Firewood is distributed **as available** and may vary in species, size, moisture content, and condition.
- Firewood Bank staff cannot guarantee a particular type, size, or quantity of wood beyond the applicable distribution limit.
- Recipients should inspect their firewood before loading it and report any significant concerns to staff.
- Firewood may contain bark, sap, dirt, insects, or other naturally occurring materials associated with stored or salvaged wood.

8. Fair Distribution

- Firewood will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis unless the Firewood Bank establishes another method for a particular distribution event.
- Staff may establish reasonable procedures, waiting areas, or daily limits to ensure an orderly and fair distribution process.
- A household may not receive multiple household allotments by having different individuals claim wood for the same household.
- The Firewood Bank may maintain distribution records to prevent duplicate or unauthorized distributions.

9. Prohibited Activities

The following are prohibited:

- Reselling or commercially using Firewood Bank firewood.
- Obtaining firewood through false or misleading information.
- Taking firewood designated for another household without verbal or written authorization from that household.
- Removing firewood without authorization.
- Entering restricted areas.
- Operating machinery or equipment without authorization.
- Using another person's eligibility to obtain additional firewood for an ineligible household.
- Threatening, harassing, or interfering with Firewood Bank staff or other recipients.

Violation of these rules may result in denial of service, removal from the property, and/or loss of eligibility for future firewood distributions.

10. Staff Authority

Firewood Bank staff and authorized volunteers are responsible for maintaining a safe and orderly operation.

Staff may:

- Verify household eligibility.
- Determine the amount of firewood available for distribution.
- Adjust distribution limits based on available inventory.
- Suspend or modify operations because of weather, fire conditions, safety concerns, staffing, or other circumstances.
- Refuse service when these rules are violated or when providing firewood would create an unreasonable safety risk.
- Establish temporary procedures necessary to maintain safe and fair operations.

11. Hold Harmless and Release Agreement

Individuals who participate in self-cutting, chainsaw operation, or other activities designated by the Firewood Bank as requiring a release must sign the applicable **Hold Harmless/Release Agreement before participating**.

The agreement should be reviewed and approved by the Firewood Bank's governing organization or legal counsel before implementation.

12. Acknowledgment of Rules

By receiving firewood from the Firewood Bank, recipients acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to follow these Rules of Operation and all reasonable instructions provided by Firewood Bank staff.

Approving Authority

The Firewood Bank reserves the right to amend these Rules of Operation as necessary to protect participants, volunteers, staff, property, and the continued availability of the program.

Approved by: Juan Bautista Baldes (Valdez) Land Grant - Board of Trustees

 Recoverable Signature

X Melissa Roxanne Velasquez

Melissa Roxanne Velasquez
President
Signed by: b60443e1-01e2-420b-8c38-d12b4aafad72

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