



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FUELWOOD PERMITS

Issued by authority of Part 5, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Noncompliance with the provisions of this act may result in revocation of this permit.

1. How do I obtain a permit?
 - Online at: <https://www.mdnr-elicense.com/>
 - At a DNR office: [DNR - Forest Management Units and Field Offices \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/forest-management)
 - Mail an application to a DNR office: [DNR - Fuelwood \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/fuelwood)
 - Using the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app on your phone:
<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/hunting/huntfishmi>
2. What is the cost of a permit?

\$20.
3. What forms of payment are accepted?
 - Online: credit cards.
 - DNR, Forest Resource Division offices (FRD): cash or check.
 - DNR, Customer Service Center (CSC): cash, check or credit card.
4. How will I receive my permit?
 - Online: a permit will be emailed.
 - DNR office: a permit will be emailed and/or printed.
 - Mailed application: a permit will be emailed and/or mailed.
5. When can I obtain a permit?

Permits are issued from April 1 to December 31, are good for 90 days from issues except that all permits expire by December 31 of the year issued.
6. Do I have to have the permit with me when collecting wood?

Yes. Also, permits are only valid on state forest land within the permitted area.
7. The permit is in my name, but can I have someone else cut my wood for me?

Yes. However, YOU (the permittee) must be on site when cutting and in the vehicle when transporting the wood.
8. Can I get more than one 90-day permit a year?

No. Permits are restricted to one 90-day permit per household per year. However, you still have the option to visit the U.S. Forest Service and obtain a permit to collect fuelwood on federal forest land. Contact information is available on our website at www.michigan.gov/fuelwood.
9. What if I do not get around to collecting all 5 cords of wood before the permit expires – can I get an extension?

No. Cutting should start when the permit is purchased. No extensions or refunds will be given.
10. What if I do not know how much a standard cord is?

A standard cord is a pile of wood stacked 4 feet x 4 feet x 8 feet.

11. I know a couple of timber sales where I am sure the logger has finished. Can I collect wood there?
Maybe. Wood may not be removed from timber sale areas until that timber sale area is included on a permit map. The General Fuelwood Permit maps are updated each year before the start of the permit season (April 1). If you are interested in a particular area that is not included on the General map, contact the local DNR office to inquire about a Specific Fuelwood Permit.
12. Can I drive off a road to collect wood?
No. You must remain on established roads. No off-road use of vehicles is permitted; this includes ATVs, ORVs, etc.
13. Can I take a wheelbarrow off-road to collect wood?
Yes, you may use a wheelbarrow or handcart off-road.
14. Can I cut live trees or trees that are standing but dead?
No. Remove only dead and down material from areas shown on the map provided. No standing trees, alive or dead, may be cut under a General Permit.
15. Why am I restricted to cutting in only certain areas of some counties?
To maintain the sustainability of state forest land and wildlife habitat, and to avoid conflicts with timber sale contractors, certain areas of the State forest are 'off limits' to fuelwood collection. It is important that you only cut fuelwood in the area specified by your permit.
16. Why am I restricted to cutting within 200 feet of an existing road?
Standing snags and downed woody debris throughout the State forest provide habitat for some plants and animals. Decomposing woody debris is also a source of organic matter which helps soil productivity.
17. Can I sell any of the fuelwood that I collect from this permit?
No. Firewood removed under this permit is for personal use only and is not to be sold or traded.
18. Can I get maps online?
Yes. Visit our webpage at www.michigan.gov/fuelwood
19. When do I have to fill out the Collection Log and what happens if I forget to fill it out?
The Collection Log must be filled out prior to transporting fuelwood collected under the permit. If you are contacted by a conservation officer and the log is not completed, you may be considered in violation of the terms of the permit and may receive a citation.