

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Fuelwood Permits

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. See #3 on Page 2 of the permit.

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. See #3 on Page 2 of the permit.

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](http://www.michigan.gov/fuelwood) at www.michigan.gov/fuelwood.

What if I don't get around to collecting all 5 cords of wood before the permit expires – can I get an extension?

- No. Cutting should start when permit is purchased. No extensions or refunds will be given.

What if I don't know how much a standard cord is?

- Dimensions for a standard cord of wood (4'x4'x8') are located at the bottom of Page 1 of the permit.

I know a couple of timber sales where I'm sure the logger has finished. Can I collect wood there?

- No. Wood may not be removed from timber sale areas until that timber sale area is included on a permit map. See #8 on Page 2 of the permit. If you have not purchased a permit for the current calendar year and the timber sale contract is officially closed, you may be able to purchase a Specific Area Permit for that area. Contact your local DNR office for additional information.

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 ATV's, ORV's, etc. See #4d on Page 2 of the permit.

Can I take a wheelbarrow off-road to collect wood?

- Yes, you may use a wheelbarrow or handcart off-road. See #4f on Page 2 of the permit.

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 Area Permit. See #9 on Page 2 of the permit.

Why am I restricted to cutting in only certain areas of some counties?

- To ensure permit compliance and improve the sustainability of state forest land and wildlife habitat, forest managers may restrict cutting to countywide, township, section or specific areas within their geographical areas. It is important that you only cut fuelwood in the area specified by your permit.

Why am I restricted to cutting within 200 feet of an existing road?

- The retention of some residual trees, standing snags, and downed woody debris throughout harvested stands provides habitat for some wildlife species. Decomposing woody debris is also a source of organic matter which helps soil productivity.

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.

Can I get maps online?

- Yes. Visit our webpage at www.michigan.gov/fuelwood.

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. See Personal Use Fuelwood Permit Requirements on Page 2 of the permit.