



STATE FOREST FIREWOOD PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

By authority of Part 525 of Act 451 of 1994, as amended. Non compliance of the provisions of this Act may result in Permittee being charged with a state civil infraction and ordered to pay a fine, and revocation of Fuelwood Permit.

A Fuelwood Permit (PR 4166) must be obtained before cutting or removing any firewood, (except for campfire wood used for personal and immediate consumption). Fuelwood Permits are valid for a maximum of ninety (90) days and are issued only for the period April 1 to December 31. All Fuelwood Permits expire on December 31. The following requirements must be met:

1. Firewood removed under a Fuelwood Permit must be for **personal use only** and is **not to be sold or traded**. Fuelwood permits are limited to **one (1) per household per year**. Violations could result in confiscation of wood and termination of any future right to cut firewood on state forest land.
2. State forest land is intermingled with private land and it is the Permittee's responsibility to ensure that any wood that is cut and/or removed is **ONLY** from the designated locations on state forest land and **ONLY** from within the assigned permit area. It is also the Permittee's responsibility to obtain and use a good map if unfamiliar with the area.
3. A signed Permit must be in the possession of the Permittee at all times when cutting or transporting wood. The Fuelwood Permit (PR 4166) allows for the removal of up to five (5) standard cords of wood at a cost of \$20.00.
4. Only material meeting the following specifications may be cut and removed for firewood, unless specifically indicated otherwise in the signed Permit:
Trees or logging residue must be dead AND lying on the ground (Dead means 100% dead, no live limbs or branches. No standing trees, alive or dead, may be cut).
5. The Permittee:
 - a) Must protect surrounding trees from injury;
 - b) Should not block roads or trails with vehicles or downed wood;
 - c) Must use only established roads – no off-road use of vehicles is permitted;**
 - d) Must not create new roads or trails;
 - e) May use a wheelbarrow or handcart off-road.
 - f) Purchase your permit when you intend to cut wood – no extensions will be issued**
6. Wood may not be removed under the Fuelwood Permit from:
 - a) Commercial timber sale areas. These areas may look just like any other wooded State land but are bordered by red and/or blue painted trees. (See Timber Sale Information at bottom on page)
 - b) No wood may be removed from any stacked pile of pulpwood, cordwood or sawlogs;
 - c) Within ¼ mile of campgrounds or other developed recreation areas;
 - d) Within 200 feet of any lake, stream, or river.
 - e) Areas posted as "Kirtland's Warbler Nesting Areas".
7. Clean up behind yourself and make certain that you leave no litter.
8. Safety and Other Suggestions:
 - a) It is suggested that leather gloves, heavy leather boots, safety chaps, safety glasses, ear protection, and a hard hat, be used as minimum personal protection;
 - b) Be careful during saw fueling to avoid spilling gas. Serious explosions and disabling burns have occurred to operators restarting saws after refueling spills;
 - c) Smoke only in a vehicle or on sand roads and carefully extinguish smoking materials to avoid starting wildfires.
 - d) Cut and split no more wood than can be hauled at one time.
9. **No hardwood firewood**, no matter where it originated in the state, can leave Michigan's Lower Peninsula.
10. State Land Rules (Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504)

A person who does not follow these requirements or the requirements of the Fuelwood Permit may be in violation of the State Land Rules. Any person in violation of a Rule or an Order may be charged with a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

Timber Sale Information: Paint is sprayed on trees to designate timber sale areas on State land. Red and/or blue are used to mark timber sale boundaries. Trees are usually marked at about 4 1/2 feet above ground on one or more sides. The painted side faces the timber sale. In addition to red & blue, other paint colors may be used as follows: **Blue:** May also be used to mark a designated hiking trail; **Yellow:** Used to mark payment units within a sale; **Orange:** Used to mark individual trees to be cut within a sale area; **Green:** Used to mark "leave trees" (ie individual trees **NOT TO BE CUT**) within a sale area.