

# APPLICATION FOR FIREWOOD CUTTING

## FIREWOOD GATHERING APPLICATION

Complete **ALL** information requested. We are now accepting the following payment types: cash, check, money order and credit/debit card. Credit/debit card payment can be accepted over the phone.

Please make check/money order payable to "**Commonwealth of PA**"

Mail completed application and payment to:

**Bureau of Forestry  
181 Rothrock Lane  
Huntingdon, PA 16652**

Once a completed application and payment are received and reviewed, if everything is in order, your permit will be mailed or emailed to you within 1-2 business days.

Name of Permit

Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Lic. # \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year/Color of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of road (2 max) wood will be gathered: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit start date: \_\_\_\_\_ (if blank, permit will start 3 days after return mail date)

Please select one:

**1 Cord \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cords \$40 \_\_\_\_\_**

**For credit/debit card payment:**

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CC # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ CVS# \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be a \$40 service fee charged for checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closures, or stop payments.**

## FIREWOOD CUTTING

Firewood cutting on state forest land is a privilege offered to all responsible citizens, 18 years of age or older, who are willing to adhere to the regulations necessary to protect our environment. Experience has taught us that these few rules are necessary. By promptly reporting violators, you can help insure that our firewood program will be continued from year to year.

One other note of caution, please be careful when working in the woods, especially when using a chainsaw. It is great to be able to save money by burning wood but just one accident could erase that savings and more.

Please read the regulations carefully. Should you have any questions, contact our office by calling (814) 643-2340, email us at FD05@pa.gov, or writing to: Bureau of Forestry, 181 Rothrock Lane, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

**\*\*In case of an emergency or to report a violation after normal working hours contact:**

- Huntingdon Cty Control Center at (814) 643-3960
- Centre County Control Center at (800) 479-0050
- Mifflin County Control Center at (717) 248-9607

and ask the person on duty to contact one of our forest officers who will return your call as soon as possible.

May your firewood cutting and your time spent on the Rothrock State Forest be an enjoyable experience.

## AREAS CLOSED TO CUTTING

- **Firewood cutting is prohibited in areas marked for timber sales, denoted by *State Forest Timber Sale Boundary signs*, or where trees are marked with paint or within fenced deer enclosures.**
- **Firewood cutting is prohibited along Route 322, 26, and 305. It is also prohibited along Charter Oak Road and Barree Road, and Grissinger Camp Lane.**
- **NO firewood cutting is permitted in Natural Areas, Wild Areas, or any area posted against cutting. Natural and Wild Areas are noted on Rothrock's Public Use Map.**

## CUTTING INFORMATION

- **Firewood is standing or down DEADWOOD ONLY.**
- **Firewood is for personal use only and may not be resold.**
- **The blocking of drainage ditches, pipes and other structures with tops and slash is prohibited.**
- **Stump height of cut trees may not exceed the diameter of the stump or 12 inches, whichever is smaller.**
- **Removal of fuel wood by any method other than hand carrying or wheel barrow is prohibited.**
- **All tops and slash shall be removed 25 feet from streams, roads, trails, and boundaries.**
- **Obstructing a gate, road, trail, path, access way or road turnaround is prohibited.**

Bureau of Forestry  
Rothrock State Forest District 5  
181 Rothrock Lane  
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Tele: (814) 643-2340 • Email: FD05@pa.gov  
[www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Rothrock/](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Rothrock/)

In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.

If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.



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# FIREWOOD CUTTING REGULATIONS

1. A permit is required to cut firewood on the Rothrock State Forest. The permit can only be used by the person to whom it is issued and must be available at all times while cutting. The cost is \$20.00 per cord.
2. Permits are issued for a maximum of 2 cords per permit, up to 10 cords per household per year. Permits are issued for 1 cord for 14 days or 2 cords for 30 days and are void if not used by the expiration date.
3. Firewood cutters must abide by State Forest Rules and Regulations, and provisions of the permit and this brochure. Permits will be issued for up to two locations (state forest roads). Check the area for availability before getting a permit.
4. Vehicles are NOT permitted off maintained State Forest Roads.
5. Permit does not allow cutting on ACTIVE timber sales. Some loggers will sell you firewood. Check with them and get written permission before you cut. Keep the permission statement with you during gathering.
6. Do NOT cut trees near powerlines or buildings. ANY damage that occurs will be your responsibility.
7. Littering is prohibited and will be prosecuted.
8. If you see anyone violating rules, please report it to the Forest District Office or a Forestry Employee.
9. Wear personal protective equipment, i.e. chainsaw chaps, eye protection, hearing protection, and hard hat.
- 10. A \*VALID PERMIT PLUS PROPER IDENTIFICATION MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES WHEN CUTTING OR GATHERING FIREWOOD.**
- 11. NO FIREWOOD CUTTING IS PERMITTED IN NATURAL AREAS, WILD AREAS, OR ANY AREA POSTED AGAINST CUTTING.**
- 12. ALL PERMITS EXPIRE WHEN THE VOLUME LISTED IS REMOVED, EVEN IF THE EXPIRATION DATE HAS NOT OCCURRED.**
- 13. FOREST RANGERS WILL BE PATROLLING FIREWOOD AREAS. VIOLATIONS OF ANY FIREWOOD RULE OR OTHER STATE FOREST REGULATION MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$300 AND SUSPENSION OF PERMIT.**

***No firewood cutting is permitted anywhere in Rothrock State Forest from May 15th through August 31st.***

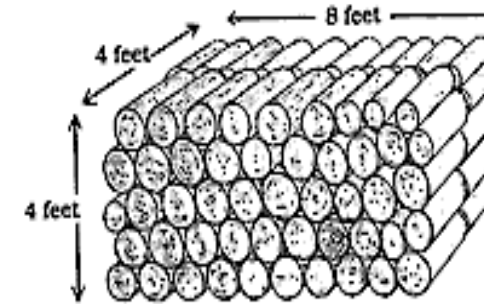
(Exceptions can be made for the following reasons when deemed appropriate by bureau personnel)

- Trees marked as hazards at state forest leased camps (can be sold on firewood permits year round)
- Trees marked as hazards for roads and infrastructure (not to be sold but can be cut year round)
- Trees marked as hazards for private lands or private infrastructure (can be sold on permits if necessary or just allowed to be cut to remove the hazard)

***Please contact the district office at (814) 643-2340, Mon.-Fri., 8 am to 4 pm.***

# FIREWOOD FACTS

- A standard cord of firewood measures four feet by four feet by eight feet when stacked. A pick-up truck bed that measures eight feet long and four feet wide which is stacked even with the bedrails contains approximately one half cord of firewood.



- The best time to cut firewood is during the winter and early spring, before leaf-out, since the moisture content is lowest at this time.
- Ashes from burnt wood are alkaline and can be used as a soil amendment in gardens and lawns to raise the PH of acidic soils. One cord of heavier fuelwood will produce about 60 pounds of ashes
- A cord of air-dried hardwood has the heating equivalent of about 1 ton of coal, 230 gallons of fuel oil, or 28,000 cubic feet of natural gas.
- Wood should be dried as much as possible before burning (6 to 12 months). Air-dried wood has about 20 to 25% more available heat than green wood, since less heat is lost driving out moisture during burning .

## FIREWOOD CUTTING RESTRICTIONS DUE TO SPECIES OF CONCERN

Due to areas of additional importance for habitat, certain roads in the western portion of Rothrock will be closed to firewood cutting from ***April 1st through November 1st***. These areas include but are not limited to:

- Tram Road (from Mule Road intersection to Morton Road intersection)
- Diamond Valley Road (from SFL boundary to Mule Road intersection)
- Leading Ridge Road (from Diamond Valley Rd west to Rudy Trl)
- Brady Road (east of Brewer Path Trl)
- Short Mountain Road (entire road)
- McGuire Road (entire road)
- Mule Road (entire road)
- Teaberry Road (entire road)
- Heeter Road (entire road)
- Barree Road (entire road)
- Colerain Road (entire road)

