

CUTTING INFORMATION

- Firewood may only be removed from designated cutting area. Remove only dead material or live trees specifically designated for removal by authorized Bureau of Forestry personnel.
- Permit holder will be held responsible for unnecessary damage to undesignated trees. Mechanized skidding is prohibited
- Access roads into cutting areas may be very rough and require a four-wheel drive vehicle.
- State forest roads may at times be unsafe due to hazardous weather conditions. Access is not guaranteed; state forest roads receive no winter maintenance. **Please note: NO EXTENSIONS OR REFUNDS GIVEN.**
- Park far enough off the roadway to enable traffic to pass.
- Hunters wear orange during hunting seasons, so should you.
- Fires of any type are not permitted. Permit holder is expected to take all reasonable action to prevent and extinguish forest fires.
- The Commonwealth shall not be liable for any accident, injury or damage.

FIREWOOD CUTTING

A permit is required to cut firewood on the Weiser 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 payable by **Check or Money Order Only**. Make checks payable to “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania”

Permits are issued for a maximum of 2 cords per permit, up to 5 cords per household per year. **Permits are issued for a 30 day period, and are void if not used by the expiration date.**

Firewood cutters must abide by State Forest Rules and Regulations, and provisions of the permit and this brochure. Wood is limited. Check the area for availability, before getting a permit.

Cutting may be permitted behind some gates. Make sure gate is closed after entering and exiting the fuelwood area.

Stop in the office for a permit, or detach and mail the application to the District Office.

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 in Jakey Hollow Natural Area.

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- Firewood is marked with an **Orange X**.
- 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. Vehicles may not be driven in woods to retrieve firewood.
- 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.
- The permit must be displayed on your windshield of your vehicle while cutting firewood.

For more information



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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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Weiser State Forest



APPLICATION FOR FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMIT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
“COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA”
NO EXTENSIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE MADE

Tract (CHECK ONE):
Roaring Creek Port Clinton
Haldeman Greenland Taylorsville
Penn Forest

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NO _____

EMAIL _____

STREET _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE _____

DRIVER LICENSE NO _____

BIRTH MONTH/YEAR (MM/YYYY) _____

VEHICLE
YEAR _____
MAKE _____
MODEL _____
COLOR _____
LICENSE PLATE # _____
STATE _____

CORDS (CHECK ONE):
1 2 X \$20.00 / cord = _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

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FIREWOOD CUTTING LOCATIONS

Dauphin County:

Haldeman Tract: Located north of Halifax and south of Elizabethville

Greenland Tract: Located south of Tower City

Schuylkill County:

Taylorsville Tract: Located south of Lavelle

Port Clinton: Tract: located north of Port Clinton

Columbia/Northumberland Counties:

Roaring Creek Tract: Located between Natalie and Aristes

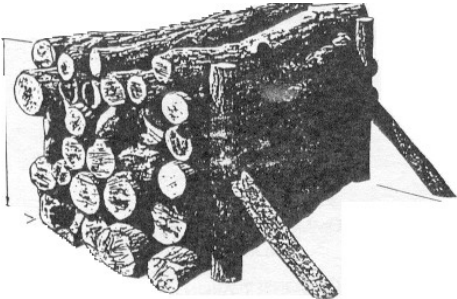
Carbon County:

Penn Forest Tract: Located north of Jim Thorpe

FIREWOOD FACTS

- Denser, heavier woods contain more heat than lighter woods, for a given volume.
- Wood is never completely dry. Wood dried to the normal air-dried state has a 20% moisture content .
- The best time to cut fire-wood is during the winter and early spring, before leaf-out, since the moisture content is lowest at this time.
- Ashes from burnt wood are alka-line and can be used as a soil amend-ment in gardens and lawns to raise the PH of acidic soils. One cord of heavier fuelwood will pro-duce about 60 pounds of

- 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 driv-ing out moisture during burning .
- 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.



SPECIES	Ease of Starting	Coaling Quality	Sparks	Heat Content
BLACK LOCUST	POOR	EXCELLENT	VERY FEW	29.2
HICKORY	FAIR	EXCELLENT	MODERATE	28.3
WHITE OAK	POOR	EXCELLENT	FEW	26.3
BLACK BIRCH	FAIR	GOOD	MODERATE	26.2
BEECH	POOR	GOOD	FEW	24.8
RED OAK	POOR	EXCELLENT	FEW	24.6
ASH	FAIR	GOOD	FEW	24.2
SUGAR MAPLE	POOR	EXCELLENT	FEW	23.7
RED MAPLE	GOOD	GOOD	MODERATE	21.2
BLACK CHERRY	FAIR	EXCELLENT	FEW	20.6
ELM	FAIR	EXCELLENT	FEW	20.0
YELLOW POPLAR	GOOD	LOW	MANY	17.5
HEMLOCK	GOOD	LOW	MANY	16.5
WHITE PINE	EXCELLENT	POOR	MODERATE	14.6

This chart shows features of different woods, and rates each wood according to its total heat content per cord, expressed in million BTU's.