



# Mt. Hood National Forest

## Personal-Use Mushroom Regulations

More info at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/mushrooms>

*In an effort to address hardships during the Covid19 emergency situation and to provide for optimal protection of Forest employees and the public, the Mt. Hood National Forest is temporarily waiving requirement for individuals to obtain a free use permit to collect mushrooms for personal use. Commercial use still requires a permit. This waiver period is **through December 31, 2021** and will be re-evaluated as necessary.*

- **Limit 1 gallon per day, per person in possession while on forestlands.**
- **Total annual personal limit is 10 gallons.**
- **Mushrooms may not be collected from the Old Maid Flats area on the Zigzag Ranger District at this time.**

### **Mushroom harvesting is allowed under the following conditions:**

1. While harvesting and transporting mushrooms, carry *either* the Mt. Hood National Forest Mushroom Harvest Map, or the District Free-use Mushroom Harvest Map pertaining to harvest area along with these rules.
2. Mushrooms harvested under “Free Use” are for personal use only and cannot be sold or exchanged (36 CFR 261.6(f)).
3. Harvesting activities are subject to all applicable Federal statutes and regulations and State and local laws. In case of conflict, Federal statutes and regulations shall take precedence.
4. Motorized vehicles are not allowed off existing roads that are open to the public, unless otherwise specified within this Mushroom Map. Do not block gates, barriers, traffic or impede fire or emergency vehicles.
5. Remove all trash and litter resulting from mushroom harvesting activities. Bury cat holes 200ft from streams.
6. Unused vegetative material resulting from Mushroom harvesting’s activities shall be removed from roads and ditches and scattered in the surrounding landscape.
7. Harvesting activity shall comply with requirements and current restrictions to prevent forest fires.
8. Be held responsible for all damage to natural features; riparian areas; other vegetation; and roads, trails, fences, ditches, telephone lines, or other improvements resulting from mushroom harvesting.
9. The Forest Service reserves the right to unilaterally revoke this privilege for noncompliance with terms and conditions or when revocation is in the public’s interest.
10. Anyone harvesting mushrooms agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury, or death.
11. Collection of mushrooms is permitted only in the area(s) described by the Mushroom Maps.
12. To minimize resource damage during harvest abide by the following harvest methods for the appropriate mushroom:
  - a. Grasp the mushroom at its base and gently rock and twist until it comes loose.
  - b. Use a sharp knife to cut the mushroom off at ground level.
  - c. Insert a narrow object (maximum width of extraction tool is one inch) under the base while prying straight up and out of the ground.
  - d. Restore disturbed areas resulting from picking.
13. Rakes or other similar tools are not allowed.
14. In addition to areas identified on the Mt. Hood National Forest Mushroom Harvest Map, harvesting is prohibited in developed campgrounds, wilderness areas, Tilly Jane proposed wilderness, Research Natural Areas (RNA’s) or any area closed to entry.