

Rules to Follow While Cutting Firewood

1. Boundaries are marked on your map. They are designated on the ground by orange paint or orange flagging. Do not cut outside cutting area boundary.
2. Cut only trees that are **dead and down** within the designated area shown on your permit and map. Do not cut any standing live or dead trees.
3. Pull slash 5' away from leave trees, drainages, graded roads, wing ditches, and fences. Please scatter all slash and leave slash no higher than 3 feet above ground. **Do Not Pile Slash.**
4. Failure to obtain a valid permit or violating the terms of the permit is a violation of 36 CFR 261.6 . Violators will be cited and fined. Additionally, the permit may be terminated and illegally cut firewood seized.
5. Firewood permits are non-transferable. You cannot give or sell your wood permit to anyone else. Under special conditions, another individual designated by you can cut firewood for you under your permit, that person's name must be on the permit.
6. You must have the firewood cutting permit and map in your possession when cutting or gathering firewood. NOTE: New Mexico State Law requires that you have your permit with you anytime you are transporting firewood on public roads (Chapter 143, Section 2:68-2-22).
7. Attach load tickets and fill out the firewood removal record on your permit. It must be completed in ink prior to transporting wood.
8. The permit holder must ensure that all chainsaws have an approved spark arrester (screen type spark arresters must have openings of 0.023 inches or less.)
9. Prevent wildfires! If smoking is permitted, be sure to put all matches, ashes, and burning tobacco in your ashtray or out cold in bare soil.

How to measure a cord of wood:

A cord is a unit of measure representing 128 cubic feet of stacked wood. The dimensions can vary, provided they multiply out to a product (answer) of 128. For example, $4' \times 4' \times 8' = 128$ cubic feet or, $2' \times 4' \times 16' = 128$ cubic feet

Short Bed Truck (6 foot bed)

1 cord is about equal to 4 bed loads stacked neatly even with the top of the bed, or piled randomly to the height of the cab.

Long Bed Truck (8 foot bed)

1 cord is about equal to 2 bed loads stacked neatly even with the top of the bed, or piled randomly to the height of the cab.

RESPECT AND ENJOY YOUR NATIONAL FOREST!