

# Firewood Cutting Permits

## Six Rivers National Forest

*Cutting firewood for personal use is a popular past-time for a lot of people who live near the Six Rivers National Forest. Each year, hundreds of people go to the woods to stock up on a winter supply of firewood, lots of times thinking about how pleasant it will be to sit in front of a warm fire on a cold winter night. There is something very satisfying about a nicely cut, split, and stacked wood pile. Before you head out with your chainsaw, there are a few things you should know about cutting firewood on the National Forest...*

### Obtaining a Firewood Permit

Anyone eighteen years or older may purchase a permit at any Forest Service office. The personal use firewood cutting permit consists of the permit itself, personal use firewood map, and firewood tags. Due to the diversity of timber stands, forest specific management goals, and other considerations, the rules for cutting firewood differ from forest to forest. The permit is valid for cutting firewood only in the areas designated on the permit and maps.

The cost for a personal use firewood cutting permit is \$10 per cord with a minimum charge of \$20. A maximum of 10 cords may be purchased per individual per year. The permit is for personal use firewood only, not for resale. Keep in mind that areas of private land are scattered within the boundaries of the Six Rivers National Forest. The permit is NOT valid for cutting wood on private land.

Late spring and late fall are generally the best times to cut firewood. Most firewood does not burn well when freshly cut. *You should plan on drying firewood for several months before using it.* If you can, stack firewood off the ground and in a place that allows free air circulation around the pile, this will facilitate drying.

### Equipment Regulations

It is the permittee's responsibility to comply with all equipment regulations. Chainsaws and other internal combustion engines must be equipped with a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrester system. The spark arrester system must be complete and in good working order. As a fire precaution, permittee's are required to have a UL approved fire extinguisher and a shovel with an overall length of at least 38" inches within 25 feet of chainsaw operations.

### Where is Cutting Allowed?

There may be special restrictions on where and when you can cut firewood. In Open Areas, all species of dead and down tree may be cut and removed in portions less than 5 feet in length and all species of standing totally dead trees of 18 inches or less in diameter (measured at 4.5' above the ground. Some areas of the Forest are Restricted and/or have seasonal restrictions. Refer to the permit and attachments for more information. In the wet season, some unpaved national forest roads may be posted and closed for public safety or to prevent damage by vehicle traffic. Refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) to ensure compliance with motor vehicle use regulations.

### Restrictions

Active timber sale areas, posted "no wood cutting" areas, Wilderness areas, administrative sites, within 150 feet of campgrounds, within 300 feet of rivers, year-round streams, and lakes are closed to firewood cutting. During summer and early fall or Fire Season, parts of the national forest may be closed to cutting due to fire danger or extreme weather conditions. Daily restrictions are available. It is the permittee's responsibility to comply with Fire Prevention Precautions that may restrict access to areas in the national forest.



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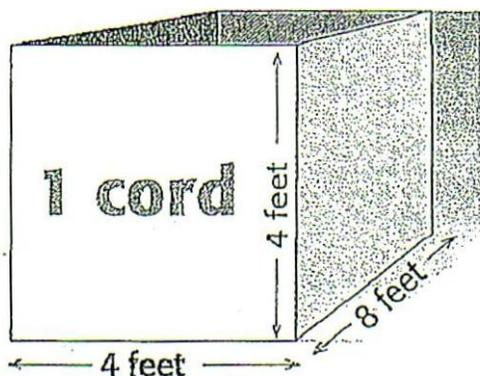


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# How to measure Firewood

The most common measurement for the volume of firewood is the CORD. A standard cord is a tightly stacked in rows measuring 4' X 4' X 8' or 128 cubic feet of wood.



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VEHICLE SIZE AND LOAD



Flat Bed 6' Bed  
2' Racks = 4 Tags  
4' Racks = 8 Tags  
5' Racks = 10 Tags



Flat Bed 10' Bed  
2' Racks = 6 Tags  
4' Racks = 10 Tags  
5' Racks = 12 Tags

## Permit Information

The Six Rivers National Forest is open all year to firewood cutting unless otherwise restricted by the permit or by special Forest Order closures. Be sure to call the Forest firewood telephone recording for the daily fire restrictions that may be in effect the day you want to cut firewood. Between May 1 and December 1, a pre-recorded daily message will state the predicted Project Activity Level (PAL) requirements for the next day. Call (707) 441-3665 for all Districts/Areas at any time or the District Office during normal office hours.

**For more information about obtaining personal firewood permits on the Six Rivers National Forest, please write or call the following offices:**

**Supervisor's Office**  
Six Rivers National Forest  
1300 Bayshore Way  
Eureka, CA 95501  
(707)441-1721 Text(TTY)

**Gasquet RD/Smith River NRA**  
10600 Highway 199  
P. O. Box 228  
Gasquet, CA 95543  
(707) 457-3131 Text (TTY)  
(707) 457-3131 Voice

**Orleans and Ukonom RD**  
Highway 96  
P. O. Box 410  
Orleans, CA 95556  
(530) 627-3291 Text (TTY)  
(530) 627-3291 Voice

**Lower Trinity RD**  
Highway 96  
P. O. Box 68  
Willow Creek, CA  
95573  
(530) 629-2118 Text (TTY)  
(530) 629-2118 Voice

**Mad River RD**  
741 State Highway 36  
Bridgeville, CA 95526  
(707) 574-6233 Text (TTY)  
(707) 574-6233 Voice

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