

Fuelwood Cutting Permits

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Cutting fuelwood for personal use is a popular past-time for a lot of people who live near the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Each year, hundreds of people go to the woods to stock up on a winter supply of fuelwood, 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 fuelwood on the national forest.....

Obtaining a fuelwood permit

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

There may be special restrictions on where and what kind of wood you can cut. Wilderness areas, historic sites, administrative sites, and critical habitat areas, for example, are closed to fuelwood cutting.

The cost for a personal use fuelwood cutting permit is \$2 per cord with a minimum charge of \$20. A maximum of 12 cords may be purchased per individual per year.

Keep in mind that areas of private land are scattered within the boundaries of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The permit is NOT valid for cutting wood on private land.

Equipment regulations

Chainsaws 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, permittees are required to have an approved fire extinguisher and a shovel with an overall length of at least 46 inches located within 25 feet of the chainsaw operation.

Snags and wildlife

Dead trees provide habitat for many species of wildlife. No cutting of standing dead trees unless specifically authorized by permit. Cutting any standing live tree is prohibited.

Transporting

Permittee is responsible to ensure they follow all federal, state and local laws when transporting fuelwood. There may be restrictions for counties that are quarantined under the California Department of food and Agriculture.

Seasonal restrictions

In the wet season, some unpaved national forest roads may be posted and closed for public safety or to prevent damage by vehicle traffic. The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which authorizes motorized travel on designated forest system roads, is part of the fuelwood permit. Refer to the MVUM to ensure compliance with motor vehicle use regulations. Remember many forest roads are impassible for several months during the winter and early spring.

Late spring and late fall are generally the best times to cut fuelwood. 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 fire restrictions are available on the Forest Service fuelwood recording listed on your permit and maps.



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Most fuelwood does not burn well when freshly cut. Plan on drying (seasoning) fuelwood for several months before using it. If you can, stack

fuelwood off the ground and in a place that allows free air circulation around the pile, this will facilitate drying.

How to measure Fuelwood

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



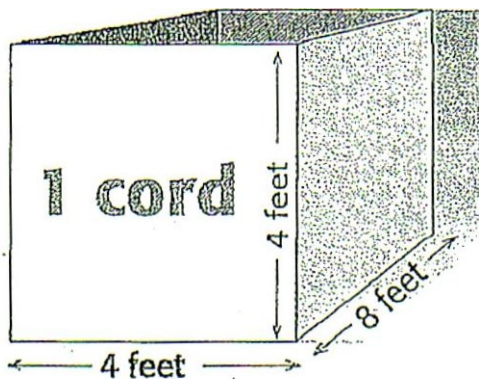
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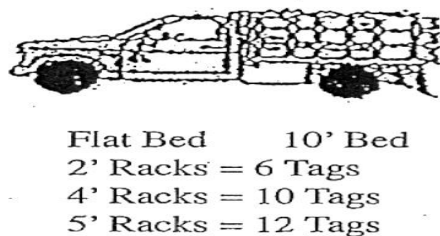
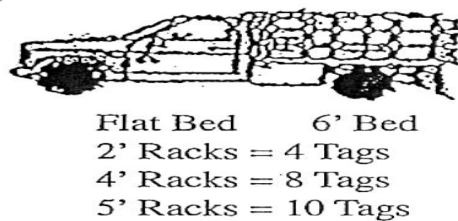
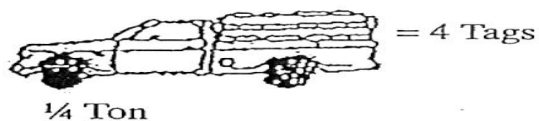
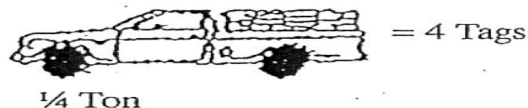


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Permit Information

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is open all year to fuelwood cutting unless otherwise restricted by the permit or special Forest Order closures. Be sure to call the forest fuelwood telephone recording for the daily fire restrictions that may be in effect the day you want to cut fuelwood.



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For more information about obtaining personal fuelwood permits on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, please write or call the following offices:

USDA Service Center

Shasta-Trinity National Forest
3644 Avtech Parkway
Redding, CA 96002
(530) 226-2500 (voice)
(711) TTY

Hayfork Ranger Station

P.O. Box 159
Hayfork, CA 96041
(530) 628-5227 (voice)
(711) TTY

Yolla Bolla Ranger Station

2555 State Highway 36
Platina, CA 96076
(530) 352-4211 (voice)
(711) TTY

McCloud Ranger Station

P.O. Box 1620
McCloud, CA 96057
(530) 964-2184 (voice)
(711) TTY

Mt. Shasta Ranger Station

204 West Alma
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
(530) 926-4511 (voice)
(711) TTY

Shasta Lake Ranger Station

14225 Holiday Road
Redding, CA 96003
(530) 275-1587 (voice)
(711) TTY

Weaverville Ranger Station

P.O. Box 1190
Weaverville, CA 96093
(530) 623-2121 (voice)
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