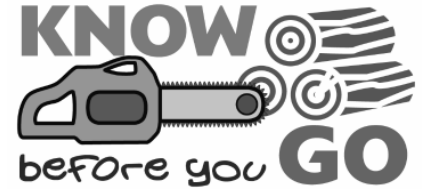


Firewood-Cutting Permit

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 forest...

Obtaining a Firewood-Cutting Permit: Anyone eighteen years or older may purchase a permit at any Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF) office. The personal-use firewood-cutting permit consists of the permit, 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.

Firewood permits are sold at a price of 10 cords for \$20, with a minimum and maximum of 10 cords per year, per permittee. Each household is allowed to cut and remove up to 20 cords 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 SRNF. The permit is NOT valid for cutting wood on private land.

Late spring and late fall are the best times to cut firewood. Most firewood does not burn well when freshly cut.—*plan on drying firewood for several months before using it.* If possible, stack firewood off the ground in a place that allows air circulation around the pile, which facilitates 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 Forest Service-approved spark-arrester system. The spark-arrester system must be complete and in good working order. As a precaution, permittee's are required to have a UL-approved fire extinguisher and a shovel with an overall length of at least 46 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 trees may be cut and removed in portions less than 5 feet long, as well all species of standing dead trees 18 inches or less in diameter (measured at 4.5 feet above the ground). Some areas of the forest are restricted and/or have seasonal restrictions. Refer to the permit and any attachments for more information. In the wet season, some national forest roads may be closed for public safety, to prevent damage by vehicle traffic, or for Port-Orford-cedar protection. Refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) to ensure compliance with motor-vehicle-use regulations.

Restrictions: The SRNF is open all year to firewood cutting unless otherwise restricted by the permit or by special closures.

Active timber sale areas; posted "no wood cutting" areas; wilderness areas; administrative sites; within 150 feet of campgrounds; and within 300 feet of rivers, year-round streams, and lakes are closed to firewood cutting.

During summer, early fall, or fire season, parts of the SRNF may be closed to cutting due to fire danger or extreme weather conditions. Visit our website (link below) for any firewood cutting restrictions that may be in effect. Between May 1 and December 1, a pre-recorded message will state the predicted Project Activity Level (PAL) requirements for the next day (*see table on next page*). It is the permittee's responsibility to comply with fire prevention precautions that may restrict access to areas in the forest.

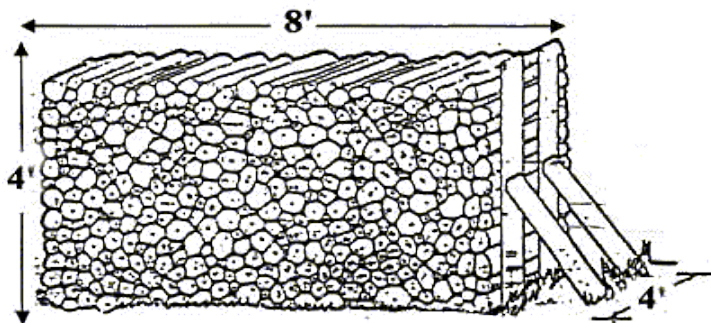
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How to Measure Firewood: The most common measurement for the volume of firewood is the CORD. A standard cord is a tightly stacked in rows measuring 4' high x 4' wide x 8' long or 128 cubic feet of wood.



– OR –

Short-bed pickup truck =
1/2 cord or less



Full-size pickup truck =
1/2 cord or less



Full-size pickup with rails =
1 cord



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

Forest Supervisor's Office

Six Rivers National Forest
1300 Bayshore Way
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-1721 Voice/TTY

Gasquet Ranger District/Smith River NRA

10600 Highway 199
PO Box 228
Gasquet, CA 95543
(707) 457-3131 Voice
(707) 457-3131 TTY

Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District

1 Ishi Pishi Road
PO Box 410
Orleans, CA 95556
(530) 627-3291 Voice
(530) 627-3291 TTY

Lower Trinity Ranger District

580 US Highway 96
PO Box 68
Willow Creek, CA 95573
(530) 629-2118 Voice
(530) 629-2118 TTY

Mad River Ranger District

741 State Highway 36
Bridgeville, CA 95526
(707) 574-6233 Voice
(707) 574-6233 TTY

Project Activity Level (PAL)	Restrictions
A	No additional permit restrictions.
B	No additional permit restrictions.
C	No additional permit restrictions.
D	No firewood cutting after 1PM.
E/Ev (Red Flag Days)	No firewood cutting at any time.
Permit is void when an emergency fire closure is enacted.	

PAL Areas	
Gasquet District	110
Orleans District	112
Ukonom District	200
Lower Trinity District	115
Mad River District	130

Between May 1 and December 1, a pre-recorded daily message will state the predicted Project Activity Level (PAL) for the following day. Call (707) 441-3665 or contact the closest ranger district during office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, excluding holidays).