

# Woodcutting Permits

## Shasta-Trinity National Forest



*Cutting firewood for personal use is a popular past-time for a lot of people who live in or near the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Each year, hundreds of people go to the woods to stock up on their winter's supply of firewood, lots of times thinking about how pleasant it will be to sit in front of a warm fire on a cold and rainy winter night. There is something very satisfying about a nicely cut, split and stacked wood pile. Having one can give a person a feeling of well being, especially in the face of winter storms that often knock down power lines or otherwise damage the areas power supply. Before you head out with your chainsaw however, there are a few things you should know about cutting firewood on the National Forests...*

### Obtaining a firewood permit...

Rules for cutting firewood differ from Forest to Forest because timber stands and forest management goals differ. Personal Use Fuelwood Cutting Permits are available at the Ranger District Office for the area you wish to cut wood in. Be sure to call ahead or write the Ranger District Office before you plan your trip (*addresses and phone numbers are on the back*). Your permit is valid for cutting fuelwood only in the zones designated on the permit and map. **Permits are NOT available at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisors' Office.**

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

The cost for the fee permit is \$5.00 per cord with a minimum charge of \$20.00. A maximum of 12 cords may be purchased per family per year.

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

### Equipment regulations...

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 within 25 feet of the chainsaw operation. 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.

### Snags and wildlife...

Snags are protected as wildlife habitat on the national forest. Do not cut any standing live or dead tree (snag) unless specifically authorized in your permit.

### Seasonal limits...

In wet seasons, some unpaved national forest roads are closed because they are extremely hazardous to drive on and would be damaged by heavy use.

Most timberland is above the snow line, so many roads are impassible for several months during the winter and early spring. In summer and early fall, parts of some National Forests may be closed because of fire danger. Late spring and late fall are generally the best times to cut fuelwood.

Chainsaw use is frequently restricted at time during the summer due to fire hazard. Autumn and early winter storms may cut fuelwood gathering plans short.

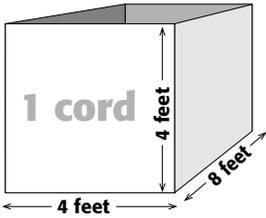
Most wood species do not burn well when freshly cut. Plan on drying (seasoning) your firewood for several months before using it. If you can, stack your firewood off the ground and in a place that allows free air circulation around the pile... this will facilitate drying.

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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 pile 4' X 4' X 8'. This amounts to an average 128 cubic feet of wood.

**Permit Information by Forest...**

<b>Forest</b>	<b>Cutting dates*</b>	<b>Types of wood available</b>
<b>Shasta National Forest</b>		
Shasta Lake Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar & Fir
Mt. Shasta Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir & Pine
McCloud Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir & Pine
<b>Trinity National Forest</b>		
Weaverville Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir, Pine & Madrone
Big Bar Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir, Pine & Madrone
Hayfork Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir, Pine & Madrone
Yolla-Bolla Ranger Station	January 1 - December 31	Oak, Cedar, Fir, Pine & Madrone

*\* These dates are subject to change depending on wood availability, road conditions and current weather conditions.*

**For more information about obtaining Personal Fuelwood Permits on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest please write or call the following Ranger District Offices:**

**Shasta Lake Station**

14225 Holiday Drive  
Redding, CA 96003  
(530) 275-1587

**Weaverville Station**

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

**Mt. Shasta Station**

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

**McCloud Station**

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

**Yolla Bolla Station**

Platina, CA 96076  
(530) 352-4211

**Big Bar Station**

Star Route 1, Box 10  
Big Bar, CA 96010  
(530) 623-6106

**Hayfork Ranger Station**

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