
Title: **Firewood Collection Permit**

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PURPOSE:

This policy addresses the collection of firewood for personal use on lands owned or managed by Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Resources Division. This policy only applies to persons collecting firewood for subsequent offsite use. Persons camping on WRD lands do not need a permit for purposes of campfire fuel.

DEFINITIONS:

Agent – person representing Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Resources Division or person representing partnering landowners for the purposes of setting terms for and issuing Firewood Collection permits.

Firewood – wood obtained from dead trees on the ground on lands owned or managed by Georgia Department of Natural Resources for personal use only.

POLICY:

Collection of firewood may be permitted on lands owned by Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) at the discretion of the issuing agent(s). Permits for firewood collection must be obtained at a WRD issuing office. Two (2) copies of each permit issued must be signed and dated by the permittee and the issuing agent. One (1) signed permit must be maintained at the issuing office. The other signed permit must be on the person of the permittee when obtaining or transporting firewood from designated areas. Maps of designated areas for firewood collection must be included in the permit, with one (1) map of the designated area provided to the permittee and one (1) map maintained at the issuing office.

To issue permits on lands not owned, but managed by WRD, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must be signed by appropriate agents representing the landowner and WRD and maintained at the issuing office. If the agent(s) representing the landowner agrees to allow the collection of firewood on WRD -managed properties, they may set the terms and conditions of the permit, including the discretion on whether to allow WRD agents to issue permits. Terms and conditions must be documented in the MOA. Otherwise, terms and conditions set forth in this policy will apply. On National Forests, firewood collection permits are available from district US Forest Service offices.

Conditions of Firewood Collection Permit

1. A maximum of three (3) cords of firewood per household is allowed annually.
2. Cutting is restricted to dead wood on the ground, unless otherwise noted on the permit.
3. Cutting is allowed only in designated areas shown on attached map, on dates specified by the issuing agent.
4. Firewood cutting areas may be closed at any time due to weather, road conditions, or other factors, as determined by the issuing officer.
5. All rules pertaining to vehicle use and roads on Wildlife Management Areas, Public Fishing Areas, and any other WRD lands apply unless specifically designated otherwise by issuing Agent.
6. Permittee may be liable for damage to standing timber or other property (State or private), as a result of his/her actions.
7. This permit is for personal use and cannot be transferred. Firewood obtained with the permit cannot be sold. This permit must be carried on your person when obtaining firewood on designated areas.
8. Georgia Department of Natural Resources or its agents shall not be held liable for accidents, injury, or damage to personnel or equipment in cutting or removal of this wood.



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FIREWOOD COLLECTION PERMIT

Name	Address	Phone Number
Region	WMA	County
Issuance Date	Expiration Date	Cords of Wood
General Location		

Issued By: _____

CONDITIONS OF FIREWOOD COLLECTION PERMIT

1. Cutting is restricted to dead wood on the ground, unless otherwise noted on the permit. Vehicles, ATVs and UTVs are restricted to open roads and trails unless otherwise specified in the permit.
2. Cutting is allowed only in designated areas shown on attached map, on dates specified by the issuing agent.
3. A maximum of three (3) cords of firewood per household is allowed annually.
4. Firewood cutting areas may be closed at any time due to weather, road conditions, or other factors, as determined by the issuing officer.
5. Permittee may be liable for damage to standing timber or other property (State or private), as a result of his/her actions.
6. This permit is for personal use and cannot be transferred. Firewood obtained with the permit cannot be sold. This permit must be carried on your person when obtaining firewood on designated areas.
7. Georgia Department of Natural Resources or its agents shall not be held liable the for accidents, injury, or damage to personnel or equipment in cutting or removal of this wood.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT.

(Signature of Permittee) Date

(Signature of Issuing Agent) Date