



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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Firewood cutting in South Puget Sound Region

South Puget Sound Region covers Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, King, and portions of Lewis Counties.

Our Region normally issues firewood permits in the Belfair, Hoodspport, and Eatonville/Elbe areas. Normal firewood seasons are from September or October through June, depending on wildfire weather conditions.

DNR Firewood Permits are offered after a timber harvest if there is enough salvage to offer and if road conditions are favorable. Firewood permits are issued for down or dead, unmarked trees only, and are free of charge. Specific rules and regulations are listed on each permit. The permits typically allow the removal of 2-6 cords by a set expiration date, regardless of when the permit is issued. Sometimes requests are filled with a few permits issued for specific area, and are limited to one or two weekends only. Each permit is accompanied by a map of the harvest area; it is the responsibility of the permittee to know and understand location and not cut outside of the harvest area. See the sample permit.

Requests for firewood permits (one per household) may be submitted each year between September 1st and May 1st. Permits only will be issued when the wood is available, first come first served — based on the order in which we received the requests (postmarked or date-stamped).

We would like to fulfill all requests, but that is not possible. If the number of requests greatly exceeds the available wood at a specific site, and if there are no other sites available in the area, the process will be SUSPENDED, and the extra requests will be discarded. Additional requests received during suspended periods also will be discarded.

Thank you.