



Personal Use Fuelwood Gathering Program

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**Personal Use Fuelwood Permits are available from April 15 to December 15.
(Permits available for purchase during office hours)**

Fuelwood permits are available on the Stanislaus National Forest beginning April 15. The cost of the permit is \$25.00 for two and a half cords, (\$10 per cord) with a maximum purchase of 10 cords per household per season. The permit allows cutting and gathering of **“DEAD and DOWN”** wood. You may not cut standing trees (green or dead) at any time.

The permit and accompanying load tags entitle the purchaser to transport wood from the forest to the address specified on the permit.

Wood cutting, gathering, removing or hauling shall be limited to daylight hours (half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset). Do not cut or remove forest products where prohibited. **Closed areas include** active timber sale areas, areas or roads closed by Forest Supervisor’s Order, the Experimental Forest, campgrounds and administrative sites.

You must check to see if it is a permissive woodcutting day. **Call (209) 532-5601** for a recorded message or contact any of the offices listed below on the day you plan to cut.

When gathering fuelwood, you must have a chainsaw, a shovel and fire extinguisher at the cutting site. Cut in open areas - away from dry grass, leaves, brush or decaying wood. Motor vehicle travel and parking is limited to one vehicle length (vehicle and trailer) from the National Forest Transportation System Routes.



Permits may be purchased at these locations:

Stanislaus National Forest Headquarters
19777 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-3671

Calaveras Ranger District
5519 Highway 4, PO Box 500
Hathaway Pines, CA 95233
(209) 795-1381

Summit Ranger District
#1 Pinecrest Lake Road
Pinecrest, CA 95364
(209) 965-3434

Groveland Ranger District
24545 Highway 120
Groveland, CA 95321
(209) 962-7825





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How Much Is A Cord Of Wood?

A standard or full cord is a well-stacked pile that measures 4x4x8 feet (or 128 cubic feet of wood). Use the chart below to estimate how much firewood your truck can carry.

Truck Type	Bed size	Cord Size
Mini	6' x 1½' x 4¾'	30%
Mini (loaded cab high)	6' x 3 x 4¾'	60%
Mini Longbed	8' x 1½' x 4¾'	40%
½ or ¾ ton	6' x 2' x 4½'	40%
½ or ¾ ton (loaded cab high)	6' x 4' x 4½'	80%
½ or ¾ ton Longbed	8' x 2½' x 5'	75%
½ or ¾ ton Longbed (loaded cab high)	8' x 4' x 5'	120%

Know the rules

- Cut only on a *permissive* wood cutting day. **Call (209) 532-5601** to confirm it is a permissive wood cutting day.
- You must have a Fire Extinguisher and shovel with you when using a chain saw.
- Keep your permit and load tags in your possession at all times when cutting or gathering wood.
- Punch out (do not just mark) wood tags with the correct date and time (AM or PM) before leaving the cutting area.
- Load tags must be attached prior to moving wood and must be visible from rear of load.
- Complete the "Product Quantity Removal Record" on the first page of your permit before leaving the cutting area.
- Use one tag for each one-quarter cord, or any portion thereof.
- You are responsible for reading, understanding and complying with all of the requirements on your permit.
- Please remove your cans, bottles and other litter.
- Obey all posted signs. Do not cut or remove forest products where prohibited. "Closed" areas include: active timber sale areas; areas or roads closed by Forest Supervisor's Order; the Experimental Forest; and campgrounds or administrative sites.
- Remember, you are liable for fines ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 for violating woodcutting regulations.
- The individual named on the permit must be present.