

SULLIVAN COUNTY HOMEOWNERS FIREWOOD PROGRAM



General Information

On occasion, and only when needed to meet specific silvicultural and/or wildlife goals, Sullivan County may enroll designated areas of County lands in Unity, NH, into the Sullivan County Homeowners Firewood Program. The Homeowners Firewood Program is intended to provide an inexpensive source of firewood while meeting County land management objectives. Firewood will be available only to Sullivan County residents and County employees, and only on a permitted basis. Participants who are granted a permit (“Permittees”) must cut and haul their own wood and mechanical skidding is not allowed. *All wood harvested through the Sullivan County Homeowners Firewood Program shall be for personal use only and may not be resold.*

Program Description

1. The cost of the permit for cutting firewood is \$25 per cord and the fee is non-refundable. A cord is a stack of wood, four feet by four feet by eight feet. If wood supply allows, up to 5 cords of firewood may be cut annually per Permittee.
2. One permit is allowed per individual or household per calendar year. Firewood permit applications must be completed and permits issued prior to cutting firewood. Permits are valid only for the period specified on the permit, which will not be longer than one season (generally early July to late October depending on weather and road conditions). Permits are not transferable and there may be no substitutions of assigned dates. When all available firewood has been reserved or cut, no additional permits will be issued. Violations of permit conditions will result in immediate permit termination. Permit fees are non-refundable.
3. Anyone on County property for purposes of this Program is proceeding solely at their own risk. Participants and anyone assisting or accompanying Participants must sign a waiver of liability and shall provide current auto liability insurance as well as current registration and inspection of vehicles operating on County land. Permittees must exercise caution and act in a safe and reasonable manner at all times. **All participants are strongly encouraged to learn chainsaw safety skills and wear proper clothing and equipment (chainsaw chaps, leather boots, leather gloves, and hardhat with hearing and eye protection) before operating a chainsaw.**
4. Firewood lots must be left in a condition acceptable to the Department of Natural Resources. Trees may not be left hung up, stumps must be cut close to the ground, and brush must be dragged back away from the road and well out of streams, ditches and culverts. Winching logs and the use of firewood splitters are prohibited.
5. Sullivan County residents interested in obtaining firewood through this program should contact Sullivan County Natural Resources to confirm wood availability and submit an application. Applications must be submitted in person to the Sullivan County Natural Resources Office. Please call ahead to ensure that someone will be in the office when you visit (603/542-4891).