A Fuelwood Permit (PR 4166) must be obtained before cutting or removing any firewood, (except for campfire wood used for personal and immediate consumption). Fuelwood Permits are valid for a maximum of ninety (90) days and are issued only for the period April 1 to December 31. All Fuelwood Permits expire on December 31. The following requirements must be met:

1. **Firewood removed under a Fuelwood Permit must be for personal use only and is not to be sold or traded.** Fuelwood permits are limited to **one (1) per household per year.** Violations could result in confiscation of wood and termination of any future right to cut firewood on state forest land.

2. **State forest land is intermingled with private land and it is the Permittee’s responsibility to ensure that any wood that is cut and/or removed is ONLY from the designated locations on state forest land and ONLY from within the assigned permit area.** It is also the Permittee’s responsibility to obtain and use a good map if unfamiliar with the area.

3. **A signed Permit must be in the possession of the Permittee at all times when cutting or transporting wood.** The Fuelwood Permit (PR 4166) allows for the removal of up to five (5) standard cords of wood at a cost of $20.00.

4. **Only material meeting the following specifications may be cut and removed for firewood, unless specifically indicated otherwise in the signed Permit:**
   - Trees or logging residue must be dead AND lying on the ground (Dead means 100% dead, no live limbs or branches. No standing trees, alive or dead, may be cut).

5. **The Permittee:**
   - a) Must protect surrounding trees from injury;
   - b) Should not block roads or trails with vehicles or downed wood;
   - c) **Must use only established roads – no off-road use of vehicles is permitted;**
   - d) Must not create new roads or trails;
   - e) May use a wheelbarrow or handcart off-road.
   - f) **Purchase your permit when you intend to cut wood – no extensions will be issued**

6. **Wood may not be removed under the Fuelwood Permit from:**
   - a) Commercial timber sale areas. These areas may look just like any otherwooded State land but are bordered by red and/or blue painted trees. (See Timber Sale Information at bottom on page)
   - b) No wood may be removed from any stacked pile of pulpwood, cordwood or sawlogs;
   - c) Within ¼ mile of campgrounds or other developed recreation areas;
   - d) Within 200 feet of any lake, stream, or river.
   - e) Areas posted as “Kirtland’s Warbler Nesting Areas”.

7. **Clean up behind yourself and make certain that you leave no litter.**

8. **Safety and Other Suggestions:**
   - a) It is suggested that leather gloves, heavy leather boots, safety chaps, safety glasses, ear protection, and a hard hat, be used as minimum personal protection;
   - b) Be careful during saw fueling to avoid spilling gas. Serious explosions and disabling burns have occurred to operators restarting saws after refueling spills;
   - c) Smoke only in a vehicle or on sand roads and carefully extinguish smoking materials to avoid starting wildfires.
   - d) Cut and split no more wood than can be hauled at one time.

9. **No hardwood firewood,** no matter where it originated in the state, can leave Michigan’s Lower Peninsula.

10. **State Land Rules (Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504)**
    A person who does not follow these requirements or the requirements of the Fuelwood Permit may be in violation of the State Land Rules. Any person in violation of a Rule or an Order may be charged with a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than $500.00.

    **Timber Sale Information:** Paint is sprayed on trees to designate timber sale areas on State land. Red and/or blue are used to mark timber sale boundaries. Trees are usually marked at about 41/2 feet above ground on one or more sides. The painted side faces the timber sale. In addition to red & blue, other paint colors may be used as follows: **Blue:** May also be used to mark a designated hiking trail; **Yellow:** Used to mark payment units within a sale; **Orange:** Used to mark individual trees to be cut within a sale area; **Green:** Used to mark “leave trees” (ie individual trees **NOT TO BE CUT**) within a sale area.

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**AFORE ALL...BE CAREFUL AND ENJOY AND RESPECT YOUR STATE FOREST LAND.**

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