



CLALLAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **HARVESTING PERMIT GUIDE**

For more information, call (360)417-2266, Monday–Friday, 8 am-5 pm

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- ✓ **Christmas Trees**
Definition: Any type of tree such as pine, spruce, fir, hemlock, etc. *Amount:* More than 5 trees
- ✓ **Native Ornamental Trees**
Definition: Any trees or shrubs, not nursery grown, removed from ground with the roots intact
Amount: More than 5 trees or shrubs
- ✓ **Cut or Picked Evergreen Foliage**
Definition: Evergreen boughs, huckleberry, salal, fern, Oregon grape, rhododendron, mosses, bear grass, or scotch broom. NOT cones, berries, any foliage that does not remain green year-round, or seeds.
Amount: More than 5 pounds
- ✓ **Cedar Products**
Definition: Cedar shake boards, shake and shingle bolts, and rounds 1 to 3 feet in length. *Amount:* Any
- ✓ **Cedar Salvage**
Definition: Cedar chunks, slabs, stumps, logs with greater volume than one cubic foot and: being harvested or transported from areas not associated with logging of timber stands where: 1) Application approved by DNR OR 2) Contract or permit issued by the U.S. Government. *Amount:* Any
- ✓ **Processed Cedar Products**
Definition: Cedar shakes, shingles, fence posts, hop poles, pickets, stakes, rails, or rounds less than one foot in length. *Amount:* Any
- ✓ **Wild Edible Mushrooms**
Definition: Edible mushrooms not cultivated or propagated by artificial means.
Amount: More than five gallons of single species of wild edible mushrooms.
- ✓ **Cascara Bark**
Definition: The bark of the Cascara Tree. *Amount:* More than 5 pounds
- ✓ **Specialty Wood**
Definition: Logs less than 8 feet in length, chunks, slabs, stumps, or burls; one or more of the following: western red alder, Englemann spruce, Sitka spruce, big leaf maple, western red cedar; w/o knots in a portion of the surface area at least 21 inches long and 7 ¼ inches wide when measured from the outer surface toward the center; or suitable for the purposes of making musical instruments or ornamental boxes.
Amount: Any

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- ✓ Nursery grown products
- ✓ Logs (Except “cedar salvage” definition)
- ✓ Cedar Salvage when harvested concurrently with timber stand and approved forest practices application or with issued contract or permit by the U.S. Government

GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Q: Do I need a permit to haul forest products from my own land?**
A: **YES.** RCW 76.48.030(13) “Landowner” means, with regard to any real property, under one’s control.
2. **Q: Do I need a signature and place where I am taking the product?**
A: **NO.** RCW 76.48.030 (13) The law requires the signature of landowner where the product is being *harvested* NOT where it is going.
3. **Q: Do I need to have the harvesting permit with me?**
A: **YES.** RCW 76.48.050(9) Except for the harvesting of Christmas trees, the permit or true copy thereof must be carried by the permittee and available for inspection at all times.



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4. Q: Do I need a harvest permit for the market where I am taking the product?

A: YES. RCW 46.48.120(14) Buyers who purchase specialized forest products are required to record the permit number, the type of forest product purchased, the permit holder's name, and the amount of forest product purchased.

5. Q: What is meant by "Harvest Site?"

A: Harvest site can mean as small as one person on your own property or more persons that are engaged in harvesting specialized forest products close enough to each other that communication can be conducted in a normal conversational tone.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A FOREST PRODUCT PERMIT

Applications may be obtained from DNR and Forest Service Ranger Stations (SolDuc and Quilcene) for harvesting on their lands. Applications for private lands may be obtained from the Clallam County Sheriff's Office at 223 E. 4th Street, Suite 12, Port Angeles.

- **Permits must be signed by the person hauling the product.**
- **When applying in person you will need to bring your driver's license or picture I.D.**
- **For cedar products, cedar salvage and specialty wood, a copy of a map or aerial photograph with defined permitted boundaries, must be included as an attachment to the permit.**
- **The permit must contain a seal from a validating agency.**
- **Failure to comply with regulations as outlined in RCW 76.48.130 shall result in a gross misdemeanor and conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of time not to exceed one year, or both.**

FIREWOOD

Definitions of "firewood" differ. However, **NEVER** cut up logs or standing trees which are destined for other uses such as pulp, lumber, plywood or trees being grown for future timber harvests. During a logging operation, trees are felled, limbs cut off, and trees cut into logs of specific lengths. These can be found along logging roads. Loggers refer to this as "felled and bucked" timber. Sometimes there will be several logs in a pile, which is called a "log deck." Timber like this is **NOT** firewood. Please **DO NOT** cut these logs. The logger's livelihood and the state's economy depend on it. Only under certain circumstances do firewood permits include authority to cut standing green trees.

WHERE TO GET FIREWOOD PERMITS

Dept. of Natural Resources
411 Tillicum Lane
Forks, WA 98331
(360)374-6131

Rayonier
116 Quillayute Rd.
Forks, WA 98331
(360)374-6565

U.S. Forest Service
Hood Canal Ranger District
Quilcene Office
P.O. Box 280
Quilcene, WA 98376
(360)765-3368

US Forest Service

Merrill & Ring Pysht Tree Farm

ASSOCIATED LINKS AND RESOURCES

Washington State Department of Natural Resources
www.wa.gov/dnr

United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service
www.fs.fed.us