

Do I need a Specialized Forest Products Permit or a Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)?

Purpose: Identify when a Specialized Forest Products Permit or an FPA/N is required for you to harvest various forest products from state or private forest land.

Specialized Forest Products Permits are obtained from and submitted to your local county Sheriff's office. **Forest Practices Applications/Notifications** can be obtained online at dnr.wa.gov or at your local DNR REGION OFFICE, and must be submitted to the Region either via email or in person.

Q: When do I need a Specialized Forest Products Permit?

A: You will need a *Specialized Forest Products Permit* if you are harvesting or transporting:

- Specialty woods: western red cedar, Englemann spruce, Sitka spruce, big leaf maple or western red alder
- Cedar logs, chunks, slabs, stumps or burls salvaged when not in connection with a timber harvest that has been permitted through a *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)* from DNR.
- More than five (5) native ornamental trees or shrubs
- More than twenty (20) pounds of cut or picked evergreen foliage
- More than five (5) pounds of cascara bark
- More than five (5) Christmas trees
- More than five (5) gallons a of single species of wild edible mushroom
- Any amount of huckleberries for resale (it is unlawful to harvest huckleberries using a rake, mechanical device, or any other method that damages the huckleberry bush)

It is unlawful for any person to harvest specialized forest products in any quantity without first obtaining permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent or representative.

NOTE: Only one of these two permits is required when harvesting/transporting specialized forest products (you never need both for the same piece of land at the same time). You need a *Specialized Forest Products Permit* even if you are harvesting or transporting a forest product as described above from your own land, if it is not already covered by an FPA/N. You will need a FPA/N under circumstances described below. If harvesting from within the boundaries of an approved FPA/N, sequentially numbered load tickets generated by the landowner or the landowner's agent are required for transport of specialized forest products.

Q: When is a permit for forest practices required?

A: A *Forest Practices Application or Notification (FPA/N)* is required before harvesting and selling any amount of standing or downed timber from forest land, or before harvesting more than 5,000 board feet for personal use.

Q: Does a Specialized Forest Products Permit allow me to harvest or haul logs, poles, or pilings from the forest?

A: NO. You will need to get a state-approved *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)* to harvest or transport logs, poles or pilings.

Q: What is the fee for a Specialized Forest Products Permit?

A: There is NO FEE to obtain a *Specialized Forest Products Permit* from the county. However, landowners – including DNR – may require you to pay a fee to harvest specialized forest products on their land. It is the harvester's responsibility to know whose land they are on and gain the proper permissions to access the land.

Q: What is the fee for a Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)?

A: FPA/N fees range from \$100 to \$150 depending on the property location and the landowner's operation. New permits to clear land so it can be used for something other than growing timber cost \$1,500. If the forest land is being converted to another use other permits from local government or WA Dept. Ecology may be required.

Q: What are some examples where I may NOT need a *Specialized Forest Products Permit* OR a *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)*?

A: Neither a *Specialized Forest Product Permit* nor a *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)* may be needed if the forest product or tree is:

- Grown in a nursery;
- Harvested from a golf course or cemetery;
- Located near houses or structures used by people (consult with a DNR forest practices forester); or
- From a farm pasture (consult with a DNR forest practices forester).

Q: When should I check with DNR to get additional permission before gathering a specialized forest product?

A: Always contact your DNR regional office in advance if you intend to gather a specialized forest product near a stream or river, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, or if you plan to use a tractor off-road or a wheeled skidding system on a slope steeper than 40 percent.

Want to harvest specialized forest products on DNR managed State Land?
Contact a DNR regional office about obtaining a **Brush Harvest Permit**.

If you want to harvest specialized forest products that are not listed here *and* are not for your personal use, then you may need to get an approved *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)* from DNR.

Q: Do these rules apply to harvesting or hauling timber or products from federal land?

A: No, but you must get permission – possibly a permit -- from the federal agency (U.S. Forest Service District Office, Bureau of Land Management or other agency) that manages the federal property you are interested in.

Q: Where can I get answers to other questions about *Specialized Forest Products Permit* OR a *Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N)*?

A: To obtain a *Specialized Forest Products Permit* contact your local county Sherriff's office.

For information about harvesting specialized forest products on DNR-managed State Land or to obtain a *Forest Practices Application*, call or visit the nearest DNR REGION OFFICE, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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