

**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENT
FIREWOOD AND WOODCHIP DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC OFFERING PLAN
BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

OVERVIEW

This document describes the process for disposal and public offering of wood cut and chipped by the stewardship and maintenance departments in the course of their normal responsibilities. Wood will not be cut or chipped specifically to be offered to the public. The intent is to offer wood and woodchips to the public which is cut or chipped by park staff from trail ways and park properties which is undesirable to leave in place for aesthetic or safety reasons.

Firewood and woodchips will be offered to Oakland Township residents, who have first obtained a permit, at designated areas on certain days, during regular park hours, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Park staff will bring firewood/woodchips to the nearest or most convenient parking lot for public pickup. A sign will be posted at the public offering site to designate the location and inform individuals of regulations that must be followed if they take firewood/woodchips. Any firewood/woodchips not picked up within 15 business days may be removed by park staff.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Oakland Township residents desiring to pick up firewood/woodchips from the public collection sites must first obtain a free firewood/woodchip permit each year from the Parks and Recreation office. Individuals must sign the permit agreeing to the following:

1. Firewood/woodchips is/are available on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Park staff will not reserve, promise, or notify anyone of the availability of firewood/woodchips. Park staff will not deliver any firewood/woodchips whatsoever.
2. Firewood/woodchips will be available for **personal, non-commercial use only and may not be resold or traded**.
3. Firewood/woodchips is/are **only available for collection during regular park hours**. At no time will anyone be allowed to pick up firewood/woodchips during times when parks are closed.
4. At no time and for any reason will anyone except park staff be allowed to enter park property other than designated parking lots with any vehicle of any type to collect firewood/woodchips.
5. At no time will anyone be allowed to obstruct parking lots during the collection of firewood/woodchips.
6. To prevent the spread of diseases and invasive species such as Emerald Ash Borer, Beech Bark Disease, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and Oak Wilt, **the permittee may only transport firewood/woodchips locally within Oakland Township and a 1 mile radius from its borders**. Both the federal government and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) have Emerald Ash Borer Quarantines that restrict firewood/woodchip transport. Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including hardwood firewood/woodchips. The permit holder is responsible for understanding and following state and federal regulations.
7. A signed permit must be in the possession of the permittee and on site when the permittee is collecting firewood/woodchips.
8. Any violation of the permit renders the permit void and may result in the termination of future right to take firewood/woodchips from public collection sites.



Oakland Township Resident Personal Use Firewood/Woodchip Permit

Any violation of the permit renders the permit void and may result in the termination of future right to take firewood/woodchips

Oakland Township Resident Information	
Name of Oakland Township Resident Permittee	Mailing Address
Telephone	City, State, ZIP
Michigan Driver's License or Michigan ID #	Phone Number
Vehicle Make/Model	Vehicle License/State
Liability and Indemnification	
<p>Release of Liability Waiver. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages, loss which I sustain as a result of collecting firewood/woodchips under this permit. I do hereby fully release and discharge the Charter Township of Oakland, Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC), their officers, agents, volunteers, sponsors and employees from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damages or loss which I may have or which may occur to me on account of my firewood/woodchips collection activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Charter Township of Oakland, Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Commission, their officers, agents, volunteers, sponsors and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death and losses sustained by and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my activities associated with this permit and the collection of firewood/woodchips.</p>	

Permittee's Signature _____ Date _____

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Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Use Only	
Issue Date	Printed Name of OTPRC Representative
Expiration Date	Signature of OTPRC Representative



Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission

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