

**BAYFIELD COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT**

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**Miscellaneous Forest Product Permit Number** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit gives permission for the above named to cut and remove the following miscellaneous forest products in compliance with the Bayfield County Miscellaneous Forest Products Ordinance.

Miscellaneous Forest Product(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Harvesting Area \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bayfield County Forestry Department, By \_\_\_\_\_

This permit will expire on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

This permit must be in your possession and colored portion must be displayed in windshield when harvesting or transporting miscellaneous forest products.

**PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE:**

**Firewood** – up to 10 full cords may be gathered free of charge with a permit from the Forestry Department, but must be for personal use. Cutting of wood products for sale is covered under the timber sales portion of the Bayfield County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Restrictions:

- A. No cutting on active logging operations.
- B. No live trees may be cut unless designated in writing on the permit.
- C. Standing dead trees may be cut within 100 feet of roads if designated on the permit.
- D. No cut merchantable products from a commercial timber sale will be taken (poles or stacked wood) Timber sale purchasers do not have the contractual right to remove miscellaneous forest products not specified in their timber sale contracts.

- Christmas Tree** – One per household less than 15 feet tall and which is not grown in a plantation may be cut by permit. The stump must be left no higher than 6 inches from the surrounding ground level.....Permit fee \$15.00
- Balsam Fir Boughs** – No trees may be cut down in the harvesting of boughs, no boughs may be cut from trees less than 10 feet in height, and the top 1/3 of the branched portion (life crown) must be left untouched.....Permit fee \$100.00
- Birch Stems** – pieces up to 2 inches in diameter, 5-7 feet long. Materials must originate from downed trees from a commercial timber sale operation.....Permit fee \$100.00
- Birch Twigs** – pieces 12-24 inches in length. Materials must originate from downed trees from a commercial timber sale Operation.....Permit fee \$100.00
- Birch Bark** – materials must originate from downed trees from a commercial timber sale operations.....Permit fee \$100.00
- Princess Pine** – Lycopodium obscurum only, must be harvested by cutting or pulling the vertical green vegetative portion only. The runners or horizontal part of the plant must be left in place.....Permit fee \$100.00
- Sheet Moss** - .....Permit fee \$100.00
- Pine/Spruce Cones** – opened cones .....Permit fee \$10.00  
(Unopened cones free of charge if sent to a State of Wisconsin Nursery)
- Hardwood Seed** – free of charge if sent to a State of Wisconsin Nursery, otherwise .....Permit fee \$100.00

- A Miscellaneous Forest Product Permit is intended for individuals or immediate family members, which include a spouse and any children and guardian children living at the family residence.
- Unless otherwise specified, there are no limits on the amount removed.
- Harvesting in an active timber sale requires a permit and written permission from the timber sale purchaser. Regulations contained under this policy are exclusive of Native American gathering rights except as specified. Tribal members are exempt from the fees listed above upon verification of tribal membership.
- Harvesting of all plants and other miscellaneous products is prohibited in Wilderness Areas, Wild Areas, administrative sites, developed recreation sites, within 50 feet of the cleared area of any road, trail, or within 75 feet of any utility line, river, stream, or lake except with written permission from the Forest Administrator.

The policy of Bayfield County shall be to charge for miscellaneous forest products that are gathered for commercial use. Gathering firewood, Christmas trees and gathering other items for personal use will be regulated.

- Permits are valid only for the specified product and only in the designated areas, during the calendar year in which they are issued. Permittees shall show harvest location in the field if requested by County Forestry personnel.
- Permittee agrees to maintain and leave roads unobstructed and in good condition.
- No permits will be issued for commercial replanting of seedlings/saplings. Permits for other non-commercial uses will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- The permittee will not interfere with any commercial timber harvest which may be in the area.
- It is understood that the undersigned will at all times follow instructions given to them by the Bayfield County Forest Administrator or his agents, State Fire Wardens, or Forest Rangers. The Forest Administrator may immediately cancel or revoke this permit for any reason by giving oral notice to the permittee.
- Permittee assumes all responsibility for their own protection, and agrees to work in a safe and workmanlike manner, keeping work area free from potential liabilities.
- Permittee indemnifies and holds harmless Bayfield County from any claims, damages or liability resulting from any action or inaction of the Permittee, its employees or agents.
- Violations of this permit will subject the applicant to penalties under the Bayfield County Miscellaneous Forest Products Ordinance and/or fine or imprisonment as contained in Section 26.03 or 26.05 of Wisconsin Statutes.
- All permits must be applied for in person, and must be signed by the Permittee.

### **Bayfield County Miscellaneous Forest Products Ordinance**

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows.

Section 1. This ordinance shall be known as the Bayfield County Miscellaneous Forest Products Ordinance.

Section 2. As used in this ordinance the term miscellaneous forest products shall mean all forest products other than sawtimber, pulpwood, veneer wood, cabin poles, wood chips, or firewood which are products cut for resale purposes and are normally associated with timber sales.

Section 3. No person shall cut, pull, harvest or remove any miscellaneous forest products from Bayfield County Forest Lands without first having a permit issued for said products by the Bayfield County Forestry Department.

Section 4. No person shall harvest or transport miscellaneous forest products without a placard issued by the Bayfield County Forestry Department clearly displayed in the windshield of the vehicle.

Section 5. No person shall harvest or transport miscellaneous forest products from an active timber sale without written permission from the timber sale purchaser.

Section 6. No person shall harvest miscellaneous forest products within Wilderness Areas, Wild Areas, administrative sites, developed recreation sites, within 50 feet of the cleared area of any gas tax road, ski trail or hiking trail, or within 75 feet of any lake river or stream, except with written permission from the forest Administrator.

Section 7. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus the statutory penalty assessment, jail assessment, automation fee and court costs and other costs of prosecution, and upon failure to pay such forfeiture, assessments, fees, and costs, confinement in the Bayfield County jail until the same have been paid but not to exceed 60 days. Additionally, a violator shall be liable to the county for the current market value of products removed or trees damaged. Each day the ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department and Forestry Department Foresters. Who may issue citations for violations hereof.

Accepted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of. September, 2000