

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT WOOD OR TIMBER
 RSA 79:10
 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

WHO MUST FILE	The owner shall complete Form PA-7, Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber (Intent), and shall file the form with the municipality (town, city, or unincorporated place) where the property to be cut is located.
WHEN TO FILE	The Intent shall be filed with the municipal assessing officials at the beginning of each tax year or prior to commencing each cutting operation. Cutting cannot take place until the Intent is signed by the municipal assessing officials and has been posted on the job site. If the property is subsequently sold, Rev 3402.01 (i) shall be followed.
WHERE TO FILE	File the form with the municipality for approval by the municipal assessing officials and an assigned operation number. A Timber Tax bond may be required, see below. The Intent must be signed by the municipal assessing officials and an operation number assigned prior to distribution. DISTRIBUTION: The original, signed copy is retained by the municipal assessing officials; a copy to the Owner, a copy to the Logger, and a copy to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) by Mail to: PO Box 487 Concord NH 03302-0487; by E-mail to: timber@dra.nh.gov or by Fax to: (603) 230-5943.
WHO MUST PAY	After Form PA-8, Report of Wood or Timber Cut (Report), is submitted to the municipality, a tax bill will be issued to the owner and payment shall be remitted directly to the municipality. The Timber Tax is a 10% tax on the stumpage value at the time of cutting.
REPORT & CERTIFICATE	Once the Intent has been signed and an operation number assigned, appropriate copies shall be forwarded by the municipality to the owner and the DRA. After the copy of the Intent has been received by the DRA, a Report and a Certificate will be issued by the DRA to the individual indicated on Line 6. The Certificate should be posted in a conspicuous place within the area of the cutting.
EXEMPTIONS	RSA 79:1, II (b), The following persons shall not be required to file an Intent to Cut or be subject to the Timber Tax: (1) A person who cuts, within the tax year, up to 10,000 board feet of logs from his own land for use in the construction, reconstruction, or alteration of his own buildings, structures, or fences situated in the State of New Hampshire; provided that such buildings are not being built for sale purposes; (2) A person who cuts or causes to be cut, within the tax year, up to 20 cords of fuel wood for his own consumption in the State of New Hampshire for domestic fuel purposes, or any amount for the manufacture of maple sugar or syrup; (3) Federal government, state government, cities, towns, school districts, or other political subdivisions which cut wood or timber for their own use, on lands under their ownership or jurisdiction or both. (4) Persons engaged in the clearing or manufacturing of rights-of-way or water storage reservoir areas incidental to the furnishing of utility services or transportation services to the public; provided, however, that when the person clearing or causing the clearing of said right-of-way sells or agrees to sell the wood or timber, he shall be deemed an "owner" as defined in subparagraph (a) above. (5) A person who cuts or causes to be cut, within the tax year, up to 10,000 board feet of logs and 20 cords of wood or the equivalent in whole tree chips, from the person's own land within a municipality, for land conversion purposes other than timber growing and forest uses, provided that those persons intending to convert the use of the land have secured all required permits including, but not limited to, building permits, subdivision or zoning permits, excavation permits, or site plan approvals, as necessary for the use to which the land will be converted, and are able to furnish proof of such permits. RSA 79:2 Release From Taxes. (6) All growing wood and timber except fruit trees, sugar orchards, nursery stock, Christmas trees, and trees maintained only for shade or ornamental purposes or for genetically-engineered short rotation tree fiber, which shall not be subject to the yield tax, shall be released from the general property tax and the school tax in unincorporated places provided for in RSA 198:16, but the land on which such growing wood and timber stands shall be assessed.
TIMBER TAX BOND	Bond Required: 1. If owners are not current on property taxes and/or timber taxes; 2. If owners are tenants in common and all have not signed the Intent; and 3. Owners do not own property in the municipality. Timber Tax Bonds are equal to the estimated Timber Tax.
NEED HELP	Call the Department's Municipal & Property Division at (603) 230-5950. Hearing or speech impaired individuals may call TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964.
NEED FORMS	Forms may be obtained by mail from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, PO Box 487 Concord NH 03302-0487, by calling (603) 230-5950 or on the Department's Web site at www.revenue.nh.gov/forms .

LINE-BY-LINE INSTRUCTIONS

LINE 1	Enter the name of the New Hampshire municipality where the cut is to take place.
LINE 2	Enter the municipality assigned tax map and lot number or the US Forest Service Sales sale name and unit number.
LINE 3	Indicate if the Intent is an original or supplemental. Original means the first filing in a tax year. Supplemental means an additional filing to make corrections or additions to information contained on the original Intent. If this is a supplemental, enter the original operation number as previously assigned by the municipality.
LINE 4	Enter the name of the road from which the cutting will be accessible.
LINE 5	Enter the total number of acres in the lot, the number of acres you are working on, and the anticipated start date of the cutting.
LINE 6	Check the box to indicate the type of ownership of the land. Check the box indicating if the Report and Certificate should be sent to the Owner or Logger/Forester. Provide an e-mail address if you would like the Report and Certificate e-mailed to the Logger/Forester.
LINE 7	The form must be signed and dated by all owners of the property, unless the owner's are Tenants in Common (see RSA 79:1, II (a), 2). Clearly print the complete name(s), mailing address and telephone number of the owner(s). Provide an e-mail address if you would like the Report and Certificate e-mailed to the owner(s).
LINE 8	Enter the estimated amount of timber to be cut by thousand board feet (MBF), tons or cords under the appropriate species. The cutting should take place during the Tax Year April 1 to March 31. Before exceeding the original estimate, a supplemental Intent must be filed for additional volumes of timber.
LINE 9	Enter the species of any amounts not included in section 8 you are claiming an exemption for and the amount of the cut in the space provided. [See exemptions numbers 1-6 above]
LINE 10	The Intent must be signed and dated by the Logger/Forester or person responsible for the cutting who accepts responsibility for verifying the volumes of wood to be reported by the owner. The person signing should be familiar with RSA 227-J, the timber harvest laws. Clearly print the name, complete mailing address and telephone number of the Logger/Forester or person responsible for cutting.