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**WOOD REMOVAL PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE AT
SELECT LONG ISLAND STATE PARKS**

(Babylon, NY, December 10, 2022) The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation announced that wood is available to the public at various state parks on Long Island. A wood permit must be obtained from the park office before any wood is removed from the facility. The permit allows the removal of wood from downed and/or fallen trees that park staff would have had to remove. Some of the wood available is already cut; some may need cutting according to specific needs. The wood is ideal for firewood usage.

Wood removal is allowed with a permit, and a deposit when required, at the following locations:

<u>PARK</u>	<u>DAYS/HOURS</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</u>
Caleb Smith State Park *(631) 265-1054	Tuesday-Sunday 9:00AM – 3:00PM	No Deposit	Small pick-up / commercial plates allowed but not for commercial use
Connetquot River State Park *(631) 581-1005	Tuesday-Sunday 8:00AM – 4:00PM	No Deposit	Small pick-up / commercial plates allowed but not for commercial use
Sunken Meadow State Park *(631) 269-4333	7 days/week* 8:00AM - 4:30PM	No Deposit	Small pick-up / commercial plates allowed but not for commercial use
Heckscher State Park *(631) 581-2100	7 days/week* Excluding Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:00AM - 3:00PM	\$10 Deposit (exact change only)	Small pick-up / commercial plates allowed but not for commercial use
Planting Fields Arboretum *(516) 922-8600	Monday-Friday* 8:00AM - 3:30PM	No Deposit	Small pick-up/commercial plates allowed but not for commercial use. Pick up is the holding site on Planting Fields Road only (Driving through the south end of the park will not be permitted)

***Please call in advance for specific times/dates permits are available.**

Please be advised that this permit is for wood removal only and dumping of any material on state land is strictly prohibited. This policy is in place to prevent the spread of wood-boring beetles and invasive plant species. Park staff will strictly enforce that no woodchips, logs, soil, or any organic matter will be brought into any state park participating with the wood removal program.

A regulation is in effect by the Department of Environmental Conservation that limits the transportation of untreated firewood to less than 50 miles from its source. Quarantines exist which further restrict firewood transportation. For further information on the rules and regulations, please contact the DEC at 1-866-640-0652 or visit their website www.dec.ny.gov.

Please be advised that Spotted Lanternfly has been detected in Nassau, Suffolk, and all five Boroughs of New York City. Please inspect your wood for signs of Spotted Lanternfly.

For further information please call the park office first or the Long Island State Park Headquarters - Permit Department at (631) 321-3515.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 78 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.parks.ny.gov, connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram and Twitter.