

Durham Wood yard FAQ's:

Q: Where is the wood yard located?

A: The wood yard is located on two lots at 3313 and 3317 Glenn Road. This is approximately 1/10 mile north of Bundy Ave and approximately ¼ mile south of Glenn School Rd. There are signs as well as chains across the 2 entrances.

Q: Who do I need to contact to get wood or find out more about the wood yard or to request restocking or to report misuse?

A: The contact for the Durham Wood yard program is the Urban Forestry Manager or the Forestry Manager's designee in the City of Durham General Services Department - 919.560.4197

Q: Who is allowed to get wood from the wood yard and how is that managed?

A: Wood in the wood yard is available to anyone who first fills out and signs a liability waiver and agrees to adhere to the rules and requirements that are posted on the General Services Department website at <http://durhamnc.gov/799/Urban-Forestry>. Participants will be on a list of email recipients for updated information regarding the volumes and types of wood available (logs, chips, limbs) and the species (oak, maple, ash, etc.). The site is secured with a programmable combination lock. The combination will be changed periodically, and ongoing participants will be informed via email when this happens. Wood is available first come – first served. Nobody has a “prior claim” to wood in the yard. Sawmill operators may receive approval for access to sawlogs through contacting the Urban Forestry Manager or his/her designee.

Q: Can I re-sell wood obtained from the wood yard?

A: What you do with the wood once it leaves the site is up to you: it is yours. We ask that you adhere to applicable laws and covenants regarding fires, storage, and disposal.

Q: Who is allowed to deposit wood in the wood yard?

A: The City of Durham's active Urban Forestry crews are currently the only source of wood coming to the yard.

Q: What do I need to do to get wood from the wood yard?

A: Participants must first read and sign a liability waiver and agree to adhere to the requirements detailed in the online rules posted on the General Services Department website at <http://durhamnc.gov/799/Urban-Forestry>. All cutting, loading and transportation of material is to be done by the participant(s) using their own tools, equipment and vehicle (s).

Q: What kinds of materials are available from the wood yard?

A: Most of the wood will come from trees taken down by city crews in the form of logs and limbs. Most of the wood coming from Durham's urban forest is willow oak. When storms hit,

trees that fall out of yards into roadways will be collected and may end up in the wood yard. Participants will receive updates. Chips may be offered if demand is there and participants are able to load and haul sufficient quantities to make it feasible.

Q: What kind of assistance is available from the city to cut, load, and haul wood from the woodyard?

A: None. The private participant must perform all the work and supply all the equipment, tools and vehicles.

Q: What kinds of rules do I need to follow when I'm at the wood yard?

A: Keep access and activities to daylight hours. No dumping. Do not allow access to others while accessing wood (you may want to lock yourself in). No fires, dumping or other illegal activities. Follow all manufacturer's safety requirements and guidelines for the operation of any tools or equipment used (chainsaws). Follow safe lifting protocols. Enter at your own risk. Do not run saws or other cutting/splitting devices (splitters, portable sawmills) unaccompanied.

Rules that you agree to by accessing the wood yard are posted on the General Services Department website at <http://durhamnc.gov/799/Urban-Forestry>.

Q: When is the wood yard open?

A: Daylight hours.

Q: Where can I go for other free wood products?

A: Tree companies in the area offer firewood and chips through the Chipdrop app. <https://getchipdrop.com/>, and the NC Forest Service has teamed up with the NC Urban Forest Council in an urban wood group http://www.ncufc.org/urban_wood_utilization_introduction.php with information on other sources for urban wood.