



## NEWS RELEASE

# Pilot Program Offers Firewood from Watershed

**FREDERICK, MD – April 16, 2019:** A pilot program will let local residents obtain a permit to collect firewood from a designated area of the City’s watershed.

This program offers a service to the public and can improve the City’s watershed property, by reducing material that could fuel wildfires and improving growing conditions for young trees.

“This gives permit holders access to one plot per person or household for firewood harvest at a low cost, and benefits the watershed environment by clearing dead wood,” said Sustainability Manager Jenny Willoughby. “If the response is positive, we will try to expand the program.”

In 2019, just five permits – first come, first served – will be available.

Program details:

- Firewood available only to permit holders (5 this year)
- First-come, first-served
- Must live in Frederick City or Frederick County
- Must come to City Hall to purchase permit and show ID to prove residence
- Permit costs \$100
- Permit holders will be assigned a site by our watershed forester after picking up permit and meeting with him.
- Permit holders will only be able to operate June 1-Aug. 31, 2019
- Can only take downed wood. No removal of standing dead or live trees or girdling will be allowed
- No off-road vehicle access—permit holders must carry/haul out
- Information: 301-600-2843.

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