



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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Elm Wood Disposal Procedures City of Portland -Urban Forestry

Proper disposal of all elm wood is crucial in preventing the spread of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) by elm bark beetles from dead and diseased wood to healthy elm trees. The approved disposal method consists of chipping. Elm wood that cannot be chipped must be taken to a commercial site that will grind or bury it within 24 hours of receiving the wood. Oregon Administrative Rule, Chapter 603-54-114, Quarantine Amendment relating to DED and Phloem Necrosis Virus, forbids the transportation of elm wood, except for approved methods of disposal. City of Portland's Title 11 declares DED a nuisance and provides authority to the City Forester as the designee of the Parks and Recreation Superintendent to remove the nuisance.

1. All branches must be chipped.
2. Any elm wood that cannot be chipped must be taken to an approved commercial disposal site within 24 hours of cutting.
3. All stumps must either be ground out or debarked within 48 hours of the removal.
4. Within five business days, the property owner must send a copy of the disposal receipt to:

**Attention: Elm Monitor, Urban Forestry
10910 N Denver Ave Portland, OR 97217**

5. When removing a diseased elm tree, the trunk shall be girdled at the base with a chainsaw before the tree is removed.

Exceptions to these procedures must be approved in writing by the City Forester.

Local Businesses that Accept and Process Elm Wood:

Allwood Recyclers (503) 667-5497; 23001 NE Marine Dr, Fairview, OR 97024

McFarlane's Bark Inc. (503) 659- 4240; 13345 SE Johnson Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Wood Waste Management (503) 493-3370; 7315 NE 47th Ave, Portland, OR 97218

Urban Forestry Division

10910 N Denver Ave.
Portland, OR 97217
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