

Firewood from Sherborn Town Forest

The Town Forest Committee announced that it would continue the program in which volunteers clean up dead hardwood trees in the forest, buck and split it to stove/fireplace lengths, and offer the result to Town residents for a below-market fee. The amount offered is a pickup truck load which is about 1/3rd of a cord. The cost is \$80 per load for senior Sherborn citizens and \$115 for non-seniors. The fees are to be paid by check to the Town of Sherborn and cover delivery and help in stacking.

Aside from providing a service to the citizens of Sherborn, the intent of the program is to reduce fire hazard in the forest and improve public access by clearing trails.

Moreover, there is increasing appreciation that burning firewood is “greener” than burning fossil fuels. A growing tree absorbs carbon dioxide, releases oxygen, and stores carbon. When a tree dies, it decays and oxidizes, releasing carbon dioxide. It does not matter whether the tree is burned in a fireplace/stove or decays in the forest. Over the course of its life cycle the net product of carbon dioxide for a tree is neutral. Alternatively, in burning fossil fuels we are oxidizing carbon that was stored millions of years ago. The result is that burning wood in place of fossil fuels DECREASES net release of carbon dioxide.

The Town Forest Committee expresses its thanks and appreciation to the eighteen volunteers who did the work last year. These were: Ken Adams, Bob Ambos, Jane Brome, Doug Brodie, Alan Dunn, Scott Embree, John Higley, Julianne Huber, Jon Higley, Kelly McClintock, Bruce Muldoon, Dwight Robinson, Bill Thomas, Tom Trainor, Susan Tyler, Tom Urmstron, Charlie Williams, and Stuart Williams

To request delivery of firewood call Bob at 508 655 1045