

U. S. Forest Service Permits Issued

Since the nation is involved in a serious energy crisis, the Federal government has opened U.S. Forest Service lands to make firewood available for fuel. This decision is in effect now on a national basis, however specific woodcutting instructions vary from forest to forest.

Says a spokesman for the U. S. Forest Service, "Firewood cutting permits are being issued to individuals for home fuel wood use only. These free use permits are available at each ranger district office, and we recommend that they be contacted for information pertaining to your specific area."

FMC Builds Plant in Aiken, S.C.

FMC Corporation's Outdoor Power Equipment Division announced plans to build an 80,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant in Aiken, SC, to manufacture Bolens mulching lawn mowers, snow throwers and other walk-behind lawn and garden products. Negotiations are underway with Aiken city officials to purchase a site for the plant.

Training Courses From OSHA

Two job safety and health training packages — one designed to help employers evaluate their own operations and the other aimed at reducing the number of injuries resulting from cave-ins—are now available, OSHA announced.

OSHA noted that even though many of its training activities are primarily for its own compliance officers, it is preparing much material for the private sector.

One package, "A Guide to Voluntary Compliance," consists of the

same materials used in the 40-hour course taught at OSHA's Training Institute near Chicago. Containing a student manual, instructor's guide, and a set of 174 color slides, it provides guidelines for developing systematic self-inspection procedures to help employers correct workplace deficiencies. It is priced at \$55 per set.

The other package, entitled "Safety and Health in Excavation and Trenching Operations," is a special emphasis instructional program aimed at reducing the number of injuries and fatalities from cave-ins at construction sites.

It stresses the importance of soil support, especially shoring, in offsetting the hazards in excavation and trenching operations. Available for \$21, the set includes an instructional manual, a resource supplement and set of 139 color slides.

Both courses, produced in narrative script style with slides cued in, may be purchased from the National Audiovisual Center, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C. 20409.

Golf Foundation Meets— Energy Crisis on Agenda

The nation's golf courses must prepare for one of their busiest years in 1974 to meet the demands of activity spurred by the energy crisis, says National Golf Foundation Executive Director Don A. Rossi in summing up the Foundation's four day winter staff meeting in Chicago earlier this month.

The current restriction on American's great mobility in seeking their relaxation and recreation will crowd the nation's more than 11,000 golf courses as players remain closer to home to conserve fuel, he said.

This was the theme expressed at a four day meeting of the foundation

by guest speakers too. They represented the major areas of golf. Their message: to alert the golf world to expected record player traffic and its demands for products and services related to golf. The speakers included Executive Director Mark Cox of the Professional Golfers Association of America, Executive Director Ken Emerson of the National Club Association, and Dr. James Watson, vice-president for customer relations of The Toro Company.

Rossi declared that the National Golf Foundation, as the national clearinghouse of golf information, is better able than ever before to meet the challenge of the year ahead with the largest and best equipped staff of Golf Facility Development Consultants in its history.

The semi-annual meeting, was programmed to review consultant activities and case histories of the half-year just past in order to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in aiding golf facility development. It also served as a forum for the presentation of papers by individual consultants on areas of special interest to the golf industry.

Chain Saws Hot Property, Says Echo Marketing Boss

The nation's energy shortage has turned chain saws into hot property, according to Donald A. Bartelt, general sales manager of the Echo Chain Saw Division of the Kioritz Corp. of America.

"The effects of the energy shortage and the resultant fuel-saving measures have placed tremendous demands on the chain saw industry," Bartelt says. "The demand for saws and related wood-harvesting equipment surged beyond the industry's capacity to produce and put most saw makers in a backorder situation in the fourth quarter of the year."



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Extra Cash From Firewood Helps Tree Care Firms

If you're faced with a takedown, don't look to the chipper as the only means of wood disposal.

Many professional tree care firms are capitalizing on the "energy crisis" by selling the wood from takedowns as firewood.

Howard L. Eckel, vice president of Davey Tree Expert Co., Kent, Ohio, offers these suggestions about selling firewood as part of your business:

- Most customers want firewood that's dry and well-seasoned. Hickory, oak, maple, beech and most fruit tree woods burn best. Softwoods, such as pine, fir, spruce and cedar are filled with sap and resins. They burn too fast and work better as chips for mulching.
- If the homeowner wants the wood, stack it criss-cross so the air can get at it. When logs are stacked in rows, air circulation is greatly reduced and they retain moisture and do not age properly.
- Cords and ricks are the standard measure in wood selling. A cord is 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 8 ft. or 128 cu. ft. A rick is usually 4 ft. x 8 ft. but only as deep as the length of the logs—16, 18 or 24 in. Stack your wood in a prominent place so the customer sees it.
- From a business standpoint, collect the money at the time of delivery. It saves in collection energy.

Sod Service School Held By Century Toro

An information/education session for sod growers was held in Dayton, Ohio by Century Toro Distributors in late January.

The innovative sod service school, attracted 41 persons representing growers from Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, according to Harry Murray.

Speakers at the one-day affair include: Jon Hering, field service representative of Briggs and Stratton Corp., Frank Busdini, Toro Co., Jim Lyne, field service representative for Ryan Equipment Co. and Paul Florence, sod grower from Marysville, Ohio.

Texas Landscape Architects Meet In San Antonio

The Texas Society of Landscape Architects held its winter meeting in San Antonio in January.

At a business session, members were reminded that only a person who has been duly registered under the laws of this state (Texas) shall be permitted to represent himself to be a "Landscape Architect", and that violations should be reported to the Texas State Board of Landscape Architects.

New officers for 1974 are: Robert W. Caldwell, president; Gratz C. Myers, Jr., vice president and John F. Teas, secretary-treasurer.

Washington D. C. Meeting To Discuss Energy

A major national meeting which bringing together leaders from Congress, the administration, business, science, labor, the media, and environmental and consumer groups to explore today's energy choices and tomorrow's alternative sources, will be April 24 and 25 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the World Future Society, the meeting, "Energy: Today's Choices, Tomorrow's Opportunities," will seek long-term solutions to the energy problem by focusing on: the underlying causes of the current energy crisis, the availability and applicability of alternative sources of energy, global strategies necessary to fulfill the energy needs of all nations, and individual and institutional adaptation to more appropriate utilization of energy.

Among the scheduled speakers will be Congressman Mike McCormack, the only scientist in the U.S. House of Representatives; Leonard Woodcock, President of the United Automobile Workers; Commissioner William O. Doub of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Glenn T. Seaborg, former AEC Chairman; Carl Madden, Chief Economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Jack Conway, President of Common Cause; Beatrice Willard, member of the Council on Environmental Quality; Orville Freeman, former Secretary of Agriculture; W. Donham Crawford, President of the Edison Electric Institute; and many others.

Admission information, registration forms and advance reservations are available from the World Future Society, 4916 St. Elmo Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20014, telephone (301) 656-8274.