



APPLICATION FOR
MAINE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW PROGRAM

36 M.R.S. §§ 571–584-A

See Property Tax Bulletin No. 19 for more information

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY
Recertification Date:

1. Name of owner(s): _____

2. Mailing address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

3. Location of parcel (municipality and county): _____

4. Identification of parcel: _____

Tax Map

Plan

Lot

5. Forest land used for commercial forest production

Type

Number of Acres

a. Softwood _____

b. Mixed wood _____

c. Hardwood _____

d. **TOTAL ACRES** (add lines 5a through 5c) 5d. _____

6. Land unsuitable for commercial forest production

Type

Number of Acres

a. Natural water and man-made water areas _____

b. Wetlands (swamp, marsh) _____

c. Ledges and barrens _____

d. **TOTAL ACRES** (add lines 6a through 6c) 6d. _____

7. Land not used primarily for commercial forest production

Type

Number of Acres

a. Building area _____

b. Fields _____

c. Gravel pits _____

d. Transmission line or pipeline right-of-way area _____

e. Class I roads (includes culverts, ditching, gravel) _____

f. Class II roads (unimproved haul road) _____

g. Agricultural area (list _____) _____

h. Other areas (list _____) _____

i. **TOTAL ACRES** (add lines 7a through 7h) 7i. _____

8. **TOTAL AREA OF PARCEL** (Add 5d, 6d and 7i) 8. _____

9. Check one. A licensed forester must complete the Forester Section below.

- ☐ Initial request for classification of this parcel in the Tree Growth Tax Law program. **You must file this application on or before April 1.**
- ☐ Application for an existing classified parcel with a new forest management and harvest plan.
- ☐ Application for a new owner of an existing classified parcel adopting the previous owner's forest management and harvest plan. Date of the plan prepared for the parcel: _____.
- ☐ Recertification of the forest management and harvest plan for an existing classified parcel.
- ☐ Application submitted at the request of the assessor.

10. Are there any structures or improvements on the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I swear that, as owner of the property classified under the Tree Growth Tax Law, my primary use for the forest land is to grow trees to be harvested for commercial use or that the forest land is land described in 36 M.R.S. § 573(3) and that I will follow the provisions of the applicable forest management and harvest plan. I declare that all owners of the parcel agree to classification of the parcel under the Tree Growth Tax Law.

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent*

Date

*Multiple owners: If all owners agree to classification of the property under Tree Growth Tax Law, the owner's authorized agent may sign this form.

FORESTER SECTION: This section is to be completed by the forester

Name of licensed forester who approved/prepared the plan: _____

Forester license number: _____ Forester telephone number: _____

Date plan prepared: _____ Date plan expires: _____ Date parcel inspected: _____

The forester's signature is required if plan is adopted from prior owner or for recertification of the forest management and harvest plan. Check the appropriate box.

- ☐ For a plan adopted by a new owner following a land transfer, I hereby swear that the new owner is managing the forest land in accordance with the plan prepared for the previous landowner.
- ☐ For a plan being recertified, I hereby swear that I have inspected the parcel and that the owner is managing the parcel according to the forest management and harvest plan.

Signature of Licensed Forester

Date

ASSESSOR SECTION: This section is to be completed by the assessor ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Assessor's Signature

Date

APPLICATION OF MAINE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW PROGRAM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

See 36 M.R.S. §§ 571-584-A and Property Tax Bulletin No. 19 for more information about the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. If additional space is required to complete any line on this application, attach a separate sheet with the name or names of the land owners at the top. Specify the line to which the information applies. A land classification map showing the location of each particular area according to the land use and forest type on the parcel must be included with your completed schedule for classification of land as forest land. If you own one or more parcels of Tree Growth classified land in Maine that in the aggregate total more than 500 acres, you must annually report and pay the Commercial Forestry Excise Tax to the Property Tax Division. If you need assistance, please contact the Property Tax Division at:

Property Tax Division
Maine Revenue Services
P.O. Box 9106
Augusta, Maine 04332-9106
Telephone: (207) 624-5600
Email: prop.tax@maine.gov
www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax

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SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Lines 1 and 2. Enter the name, address and telephone number of the owner. If there is more than one owner, enter "multiple owners" on line 1. If an authorized agent represents the owner or owners, line 1 should show "(name of agent), authorized agent for (name of owner)," and line 2 should show the address and telephone number of the authorized agent.

If the owner/s names are not included on the application/schedule, attach a separate sheet listing the name, address, telephone number and respective interest of each owner (for example, "joint tenant," or 1/10 in common and undivided).

Line 3. Enter the municipality or township and the county where the parcel is located. For parcels that are in more than one municipality or township, you must file a separate application with each municipality or township, attaching copies of all other applications for the parcel.

Line 4. Enter the location of the parcel using the description on the assessment records or the most recent tax bill. Where this description is not readily available, reference to the recorded deed (ex. Book 231, Page 16, Kennebec Registry) can be substituted.

Line 5. Enter the total acreage of each forest type in the parcel. "Softwood type" means forests in which pine, spruce, fir, hemlock, cedar, and larch, singularly or in combination, comprise 75% or more of the stocking. "Mixed wood type" means forests in which neither hardwoods nor softwoods comprise 75% of the stand but are a combination of both. "Hardwood type" means forests in which maple, birch, beech, oak, elm, basswood, poplar, and ash, singularly or in combination, comprise 75% or more of the stocking.

Line 6. Enter the total acreage, by type, of land unsuitable for commercial forest production.

Line 7. Enter the total acreage, by type, of land not used primarily for commercial forest production.

Building area means the area used for an existing building or reserved for future development. For initial applications submitted on or after August 1, 2012, additional restrictions apply for shoreland areas. See Bulletin No. 19 for shoreland structure exclusion.

Fields means an area that is open field area.

Gravel Pits means an area that is either an active or inactive gravel pit.

Transmission line or pipeline right-of-way area means an area that is used for transmission line or pipeline by utility supply companies such as Central Maine Power or Emera.

Class I roads means two-lane roads that include culverts, ditching, and gravel base. These are roads built for public driving.

Class II roads means roads with no ditching and where little gravel is added for possibility. Class II roads may be one- or two-lane, but not maintained as well as Class I roads.

Agricultural area means land used for farming of items such as blueberries, potatoes, or cranberries.

Other areas means an area not used primarily for commercial forest production that does not fall into one of the other categories. Examples of acreage to enter on this line include quarry or mining areas. Enter a specific description of the area.

Line 8. Enter the total of lines 5d, 6d, and 7i. This should equal the total acreage of the parcel covered by this application.

Line 9. Select the description that best describes your application for Tree Growth classification. If this is an initial application for classification for parcel, the application must be filed by April 1 for classification in the same year. If the property was transferred to you, this application must be filed within one year of the transfer.

Line 10. If there are any improvements on the parcel like a house or a barn, check the "Yes" box. Otherwise, check "No."

Line 11. The landowner must sign and date the sworn statement and attestation. **A new owner of classified land or a person owning timber rights may not harvest or authorize the harvest of forest products for commercial use until a forest management and harvest plan is filed with the assessors.**

FORESTER SECTION

This section must be completed by the forester who has inspected the parcel included in this application.

If the landowner is recertifying classified land pursuant to an existing plan following a periodic compliance review, the forester must determine that the parcel is in compliance with the plan specifications following each ten-year land inspection to decide if owner has sufficiently conformed to the applicable written forest management and harvest plan. The forester should supply updates to the plan, as appropriate, to ensure the owner can carry out accepted forest management practices for at least the ten-year period following inspection.

Foresters must enter their name, license and telephone numbers, the date the forest management and harvest plan was prepared, the date the plan expires, and the date the forester inspected the parcel. The forester must check the appropriate box, sign and date the application if a plan is being adopted by a new owner or the plan is being recertified.