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November 1, 2025

Dear Forest Product Operator,

This is a courtesy notice from the Maryland Forest Service that it is time to renew your Forest Product Operator (FPO) license for the upcoming license year. Licensing is required under Maryland law (Md. Code, Natural Resources § 5-608), and operating without a current license is prohibited.

What's new

The renewal process has moved to a secure online platform, Submittable. Creating an account is quick and will allow you to complete the application, upload any required documents, and pay your fee in one place. Both the online application and a downloadable PDF version are available on the Forest Product Operator webpage:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/fpo_search.aspx.

How to renew online (preferred)

1. Visit the Forest Product Operator webpage (link above).
2. Access the online renewal form through Submittable.
3. Sign in to your Submittable account (or create one if needed).
4. Complete the application and submit payment by credit/debit card or ACH.

Other ways to renew (still available)

- **PDF/Hard copy:** A fillable application form is available on the same webpage.
- **Pay by check:** Make checks payable to "Maryland DNR – Forest Service." Include your FPO License Number on the memo line and mail with the completed application to the address in the signature line below.

Key dates

- Renewal opens: November 1, 2025
- On-time renewal deadline: 12/31/2025 (applications received after this date may experience processing delays)
- License effective period: January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026

Need help?

If you have questions about the Submittable process, need a paper form, or require other assistance, please contact me using the information in the subject line of this email. I'll be glad to help walk you through the process or send a hard copy packet if needed.

Thank you for your prompt attention and for your continued commitment to safe, responsible forest product operations in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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