



Arizona Department of Agriculture

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PLANT SERVICES DIVISION

OUR PROTECTED NATIVE PLANTS

Nowhere in the United States are there more rare and unusual native plants than in Arizona. Most of them are many years old and cannot be replaced. Many people desire to use these "wonders of nature" in their landscaping. However, most of these plants are protected by law and can only be removed after a permit has been obtained. Also, all land in the State of Arizona belongs to someone whether it be a government agency or a private citizen. Generally, plants cannot be removed from government-held lands.

The procedure to be followed in obtaining a permit for the removal and transportation of protected native plants, including Cacti, Mesquite, Palo Verde and Ironwood trees and their wood, are explained below.

1. Obtain an application form by calling, visiting or writing any Department office. (See reverse side)
2. The application form must be completely filled out by the landowner, or agent for the landowner, and it must include all information requested. If the application is not complete, no permit will be issued.
3. When the application is completed, it is to be presented either in person or by mail to a Department office for verification or information and approval. The landowner, or agent for the landowner, must determine the boundaries on the property and clearly mark the corners so that Department personnel can make an accurate inventory of the kind and number of plants on the property. If it is determined that all information given is accurate, your permit will be issued.
4. The law requires each protected native plant removed from its original growing site to have a native plant tag and seal firmly affixed to the plant with the string provided by the Department before the plants are removed from the permit site. These tags are to remain on the plants until they are placed in the landscape. After planting, the tag, string and seal should be removed from the plant and kept in a safe place as proof that the plant was obtained legally.
5. The cost of the native plant permit is \$5.00 and each saguaro tag is \$5.00 and \$3.00 each for all other protected native plant and trees (except pin-cushions, which are .50¢) and \$3.00 for each cord of wood.

6. As a landowner, you have the right to destroy or remove any plant growing from your land, but if you are going to destroy these plants, you must notify the Arizona Department of Agriculture 20 - 60 days before you plan to initiate this action. You also have the right to sell or give away any plant growing on your land. However, no person may legally transport protected native plants from any land without first obtaining a permit from the Arizona Department of Agriculture.
7. Private property owners are reminded that State and Federal land leased to you does not give you the authority to remove these plants unless official permission is given by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management, or the Arizona Land Department.

The following is a partial list of some of the generally accepted common names of Arizona protected native plants. Please use these names as accurately as possible. Be sure that the protected native plants that you plant to remove are actually on the land described on the application.

<u>CACTUS:</u>	Barrel	Night-Blooming Cereus (Sweet-potato Cactus)
	Beehive	Pincushion
	Button	Pineapple
	Cholla	Prickly Pear
	Hedgehog	Rainbow
	Mesa Verde	Saguaro
	Needle "Mulee"	

OTHER PLANTS:

Agave (Century Plant)	Hen and Chickens	Common or Honey Mesquite
Bristle-cone Pine	Joshua Trees	Screwbean Mesquite
Crucifixion Thorn	Ocotillo	Little Leaf Palo Verde
Desert Holly	Smoke Tree	Blue Palo Verde
Desert Spoon (Sotol)	Western Redbud	Jerusalem Thorn-Long Leaf
Flannel Bush	Yucca	Palo Verde
		Ironwood Tree

DISTRICT OFFICE ADDRESSES: Permits can be obtained from the following offices:

Casa Grand Office 1891 N. Trekell Road Casa Grande, AZ 85222 836-7701	Douglas Office P.O. Box 1168 Douglas, AZ 85607 365-5477	Ehrenberg Office U.S. Hwy. 10 Ehrenberg, AZ 85334 927-6651
Kingman Office U.S. Hwy 93, G.V.S.R. Kingman, AZ 86401 565-2222	Nogales Office 222 Plum Street Nogales, AZ 85621 287-4471	Parker Office 310 California Avenue Parker, AZ 85344 669-8118
Phoenix Office 1688 W. Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007 542-4373	Safford Office U.S. Hwy 70 Safford, AZ 85551 428-2649	Tucson Office 416 W. Congress Ave. Rm. 106 Tucson, AZ 85701 628-6310
Willcox Office 515 S. Haskell Willcox, AZ 85643 384-2665	Yuma Office Post Office Building Yuma, AZ 85364 782-3681	